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'A nation appreciates your sacrifices'

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A family member of one of the fallen soldiers spruces up one of the graves at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi. The CNMI honored those who died in upholding the nation's freedom in yesterday's Memorial Day commemoration.

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Tears were again shed yesterday as families and friends of those who died in the line of duty remembered the sacrifices their loved ones made in protecting the nation during the Memorial Day commemoration at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Family members, with Taps being played in the background, took turns in laying down wreaths and lighting candles while the name of their fallen relative was read. Some could not contain their emotions in remembering the price it takes in protecting America's freedom.

Linda T. Cabrera, whose parents Gregorio Camacho Cabrera and Scholastica T. Cabrera are among those buried at the cemetery, recalled

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CUC engineers submit 'white paper' on island water issues

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. water and wastewater division wrote to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres this month on issues affecting the utility's ability to provide reliable 24-hour water service.

According to the May 16 letter and attached "white paper," copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, some of the major issues appear to be a lack of working water meters, issues with leak detection and repair, maintenance, and replacement of old asbestos pipes, among many others.

The letter, which also pleads for a stronger "link" between water operations and engineering, is a follow-up letter that was requested by Torres

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1st round of 902 talks set for June 6 in DC

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will meet with President Barack Obama's special representative Esther Kia'aina, the assistant secretary for the Department of Interior for Insular Affairs, on June 6 in the nation's capitol to begin the first round of official consultation between the CNMI and the U.S. government, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Kia'aina

The talks come pursuant to section 902 of the CNMI Covenant and will center on the issues of an expiring foreign worker program in 2019 and advancing military projects in the CNMI.

Accompanying Torres on the trip in D.C. will be several members of the 902 panel who are scheduled to leave on June 3, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday. A full roster of the team, though, which is expected to draw from the Legislature, local departments, and the private sector, have not been finalized yet and made public.

Still, members of the working group met yesterday for preliminary talks ahead of the official consultation with Kia'aina's team next week.

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Local

Pinoy celebrities bring cheer to fans on Saipan

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Saipan World Resort staff had the chance to have their photos taken with Filipino celebrities Kim Chiu and Xian Lim.

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A slice of the crowd that packed Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall to watch Filipino celebrities Kim Chiu and Xian Lim last Sunday is shown in this photo.

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Filipino celebrities Kim Chiu and Xian Lim cheered up their fans on Saipan with a two-hour show last Sunday night at the packed Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. The event was part of the promotion of Philippine Airlines' direct flight from Saipan to Manila.

Chiu and Lim, one of the Philippines' hottest love teams, performed songs that they popularized or covers of hits like *Imagine* by John Lennon. Saipan Music and Dance Studio students acted as their back-up dancers.

The *Story of Us* stars also gamely played with several members of the crowd in a dating game where the winners earned the chance to spend a few minutes with Chiu and Lim on stage.

Several times Chiu and Lim went down the stage that got the crowd up on its feet and swarmed them to get some selfies. VIP ticket holders also had the chance to have their photos taken with both Pinoy celebrities or get their autographs.

Chiu and Lim, in an interview with local media, said that they were overwhelmed and thankful of the warm welcome they received in their brief visit on Saipan.

"It was overwhelming. Everyone was friendly, as soon as we arrived at the airport they've been greeting us, they call us in the names of our characters Macoy and Tin. There's also a lot of Filipinos here as if we never left the Philippines," said Chiu.

"It is nice to find out that there are a lot of things you could do here on Saipan. Scuba diving, ride a submarine, or an ATV. People here are always happy. Everywhere you go somebody's going to greet you with a smile. This is paradise as if I almost wanted to live here," added Lim

Aside from their series, *The Story of Us* on The Filipino Channel, they also have a movie as one of their upcoming projects. There were still no final details of the movie with the script still in the writing and conceptualization stages. Chiu is also hosting the new season of *The Voice Kids*.

Asked how they keep their selves healthy and fit with their hectic schedules, Chiu said that she always makes sure that she eats the right food and she won't skip a meal since a full stomach helps her in memorizing her lines.

Lim, on the other hand, said he follows a balanced diet and eating habits since some of the taping of their show extends to the wee hours of the morning.

After Saipan, the two will fly to Chicago and London, and back to Palawan to continue shooting their series.

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Mondala seeks stay of her 1-year prison term

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Former Office of Aging director Rose DLG. Mondala is asking the Superior Court to suspend the execution of a one-year prison term slapped against her pending her appeal of the sentencing order.

In Mondala's motion for expedited stay of execution of jail sentence, defense counsel Loren A. Sutton said his client is not a flight risk, has serious and life threatening health problems, and is no threat to the public.

Sutton also pointed out that the 71-year-old Mondala is no longer in a position to unlawfully repeat the crimes to which she has pleaded guilty.

Mondala filed a notice of appeal last Thursday.

Sutton also pointed out that then-Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman also ordered the Probation Officer to determine an amount of restitution for all other counts, which were dismissed with prejudice at plea.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley, counsel for the government, is opposing Mondala's motion. Baisley said the defendant has failed to raise a substantial question of law or fact that would warrant staying the court's imposition of its sentence.

Baisley said the government takes no issue that Mondala is not a flight risk and does not pose danger to any other person and that her appeal is not taken for the purpose of delay.

Instead, Baisley said, the Commonwealth objects on the basis of the third element in granting a stay of execution: Mondala has not raised a substantial question of law or fact likely to result in reversal.

The prosecutor said in Mondala's brief, no factual or legal issue with the court's sentence is identified.

Baisley said to the extent Mondala raises to challenge the court's sentencing order on health grounds, the challenge is unlikely to satisfy the exacting standard that the challenge presents a "fairly debatable" or "doubtful" question of law, nor it is likely to overcome the presumption against granting stays.

Baisley said Wiseman considered the defendant's health in imposing the sentence.

Baisley said Wiseman weighed those health concerns with society's competing justice concerns.

On restitution issue, the prosecutor said even if Mondala were to establish the illegitimacy of the restitution order, it is unlikely the CNMI Supreme Court's remand would set aside or in any way alter Wiseman's imposition of the jail sentence.

Baisley and Sutton both agreed to an expedited hearing on Mondala's motion considering that the defendant was ordered by the court to start serving the prison term at the Department of Corrections on Wednesday, June 1, at 8am.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja on Friday set a hearing on defendant's motion today, Tuesday, at 1:30pm.

Last May 18, Wiseman slapped a one-year prison term against Mondala who pleaded guilty to two charges that stemmed from using the Aging Office's funds and materials for the needs of the Covenant Party during the 2009 elections and to build a fence at her house in Kagman.

Wiseman said he has reviewed the doctor's report stating the numerous illnesses Mondala has and the medication being administered.

The judge said he has taken this factor into consideration in sentencing the defendant.

However, Wiseman said, a medical condition although can and will mitigate the sentence, "it will not cancel it out."

Wiseman sentenced Mondala to the maximum term of five years in prison, all suspended except for one year, for the offense of forgery.

The judge sentenced Mondala to a $500 fine for the crime of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities.

After completing the prison term, the defendant will be placed on probation for three years.

Mondala was required to pay restitution to the Aging Office in the amount of $68 plus another amount to be determined in 60 days for all other sums she wrongfully used or stolen based from the original charges.

Mondala was also ordered to pay $100 in court costs plus probation fee in an amount to be assessed by the Office of Adult Probation.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Mondala with 41 charges, which carry maximum sentence of 126 years of prison term and/or up to $128,000 in fines.

Last Feb. 25, Mondala pleaded guilty to one count of forgery and one count of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities.

As part of the plea agreement, Baisley moved to dismiss the remaining 39 charges. The court granted the motion.

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OAG apologizes for oversight in motion to dismiss Neal's suit

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The Office of the Attorney General has apologized for its oversight in moving to dismiss the discrimination lawsuit filed by former acting chief prosecutor Shelli Neal against OAG and the CNMI government over her alleged demotion and subsequent termination from OAG in 2014.

Assistant attorney general Christopher M. Timmons has notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI of OAG's and CNMI government's withdrawal of their motion to dismiss Neal's lawsuit for insufficiency of service of process.

Timmons, however, stressed that OAG and the CNMI government do not withdraw the motion to dismiss in its entirety as they will continue to pursue their motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim.

Timmons said that last Tuesday, Neal's counsel informed him that he possessed a proof of service reflecting service upon the government of a summons with Neal's first amended complaint.

Timmons said Neal's counsel also told him that OAG's front desk clerk Sephora Williams had signed for the receipt of the summons.

On this basis, Timmons said, he is withdrawing that portion of defendants' motion to dismiss for insufficiency of service of process.

The government lawyer apologized to Neal and to the court for their oversight.

In OAG's and the CNMI government's motion to dismiss, Timmons asserted that Neal has sued a government body that cannot be sued and has failed to serve the Commonwealth with a summons or complaint.

Timmons said Neal has failed to timely exhaust her administrative remedies and failed to bring her claims before the U.S. District Court for the NMI within the statutory time limits.

Timmons said Neal's allegations do not rise to the level

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Wallis and Futuna campaign launched for World No Tobacco Day

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—This World No Tobacco Day on Tuesday, May 31, the territory of Wallis and Futuna is getting involved in the fight against smoking by developing a strategy to inform smokers about the implications of tobacco use and offer them support to quit the habit.

The "Tackling Our Addiction" campaign will be launched tomorrow by Health prevention staff with the support of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Posters have been developed in partnership with SPC's Public Health Division, available in three languages(French, Futunien and Wallisien), and the islands' pharmacy has arranged for a supply of nicotine substitutes to assist those who want to quit smoking.

During the third quarter of this year, volunteer doctors will attend a training session to learn how to conduct individual smoking-cessation interviews in order to help patients who want to stop smoking and, in that way, assist the community in the fight against tobacco use.

According to a survey carried out in 2010, some 42.6 percent of the population of Wallis and Futuna are smokers.

As part of this global awareness day about the scourge of tobacco on society, the World Health Organisation (WHO) reminds us that smoking is one of the leading preventable causes of death. Tobacco use kills nearly six million people every year.

According to WHO, one person dies every six seconds because of tobacco.

WHO also recalls that nearly 80 percent of the billion smokers on the planet live in low and middle-income countries, where the burden of smoke-related morbidity and mortality is the highest. Tobacco users who die prematurely deprive their families of income, cause an increase in health costs and hinder economic development.

This World No Tobacco Day, SPC is calling on all Pacific governments and adminstrations to strengthen their tobacco control policies as part of the Tobacco Free Pacific 2025 target and the region's attempts to reign in its non-communicable disease (NCD) crisis.

SPC and the Kingdom of Tonga will host a Pacific NCD Summit from 20-22 June in Nuku'alofa at which the region and its development partners will consider fresh action to reduce the incidence and burden of NCDs. ***(PR)***

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after an earlier meeting on the issue.

"As you know, utilities across the states have similar issues similar to Saipan's—an aging system that needs numerous and expensive improvements in order to provide reliable and efficient service," said CUC chief engineer John Riegel in a two-page cover letter. "…You asked the CUC engineering division to provide recommendations as to what could be done to the water system immediately to improve the system, reduce losses, and increase the areas served with 24-hour water. Attached to this letter is a brief white paper discussing the greatest obstacles to achieving 24-hour water on Saipan."

The paper gives a brief overview of the water system; engineering recommendations to address the "most significant and immediate needs" to reduce unaccounted for water losses and increase the system's ability to provide 24-hour water service with estimated costs, and also comments on current situation in CUC management and its impact on the utility.

In the overview, the paper discusses the 138 wells that make up the Saipan water system, noting that about 27 wells are out of service due to collapsed well casings, failed pump/rotor, and lowered water level.

It also describes 13 distinct tank service areas, or pressure zones, which provide storage and pressure to customers that range from conditions of severely dilapidated to new.

"Unaccounted for water amounts to about 70 percent of water produced," the CUC engineering department said. This means that of the water pumped from all wells, approximately 70 percent is not reflected in the amount billed among all metered customers." Unaccounted for water consists of meter/billing inaccuracies, leaks and losses, and theft.

"The percent of unaccounted for water for each of these three categories cannot be quantified though CUC believes a large fraction is from leaks based on experience," it adds.

The CUC paper submits a series of recommendations for "immediate action," which include installing working meters for all service connections; detecting and repairing leaks throughout the system; unifying engineering and operations; budget a preventive maintenance program; completing minor upgrades such as replacing broken valves, new air release valves, and replacing undersized water lines, among others; drilling new wells to replaced deteriorated ones; replacing the "very old and asbestos pipe and galvanized iron" pipes of the system; and evaluating well pump sizes and setting to make sure they properly sized for well capacity and water is not over pumped.

On the recommendation on unifying engineering and operations, the papers states that "operations should follow the recommendations from the engineering," suggesting this is not the case today.

"Engineering should be tasked with the effort to optimize system operations and ensure the system is operated in the most efficient manner," the CUC paper said.

For the cost to provide for these recommendations, CUC engineers estimate an "ideal infusion" of a total of $56.5 million that would "enable CUC to make rapid progress to eliminate leaks and achieve 24-hour water."

But, the engineering department also add that a smaller amount of funds could be used to tackle the items of "greatest impact" like installing working meters, which is already funded; leak and detection repair at about $12.5 million; budgeting preventative maintenance at $5 million per year for five years; minor upgrades at $1.5 million; drilling new wells at $1.5 million; and replacing old piping at $16 million.

The paper also notes issues with CUC management, particularly with key federal court stipulated order positions like the CUC's executive director, which CUC "has been without…for 11 months."

"The executive director position is vital to the success of the utility. A fully qualified and permanent executive director is needed…An experienced and knowledgeable executive director will provide the leadership necessary to the success of the utility in these challenging times."

The paper also notes that CUC has been without a deputy executive director for four years, and has been without a division manger for operations for about 18 months.

"It is essential to the operation of the water system that a fully qualified and experienced person from the water industry be hired without delay. This position [for division manager for operations] is critical for the successful operation of the water system and as the link between engineering and operations. The operations management team is overloaded and suffering because of the absence of a permanent division manager."

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how his father helped the U.S. Army find Japanese soldiers that remain hiding in the caves after World War II.

"My parents speak Japanese fluently. That's why my dad worked as a scout after being hired by the Army to search the island if there are any Japanese who remain hiding in the caves and jungles of Saipan," said Cabrera, who was the eldest of 13 kids.

"Being able to speak Japanese was one of the qualifications to become a scout marine. It was a risky but very important job. It's soldiers like him who we are honoring today, especially those who died protecting our freedom," she added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and First Lady Diann Torres, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and Lt. Col. Mihai Leta of the U.S. Coast Guard were some of the dignitaries who joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the community in the Memorial Day commemoration.

Torres, in his speech, thanked all the veterans and their families for all of their sacrifices. "We thank those who have left us. Those who sacrificed everything they have so that others may live in liberty and in the pursuit of happiness."

Torres, who had the opportunity to join last Sunday's Freedom Ride by the Matua Riders, said Memorial Day is not only for veterans who have already died but also to everyone who has been defending the nation's freedom.

"Honor, remember, and salute all our heroes. Thank you for giving us the privilege to be free and enjoy this liberty. We will never forget," he added.

Veterans Affairs Office executive director Gregorio Sablan Jr. said Memorial Day commemorates and pays tribute those men and women who are no longer with us. "We are all gathered to pay tribute for those who lay their lives to protect our freedom."

"Freedom has its price and we will never forget the service that you gave. We also thank their families also for their sacrifices. We must also continue to honor those who are living that continue to fight for us to enjoy the freedom that we have today," said Sablan.

The Saipan Southern High School Color Guard of the Manta Ray Battalion led the entrance of colors, while the Marianas High School Chorale sang the U.S. and CNMI national anthems.

MONDALA

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basis of the plea agreement pertaining to forgery, on June 15, 2009, Mondala signed the signature of another person to an invoice submitted by a commercial vendor to a government agency for payment, without permission of the person, in order to hide the eventual disposition of the goods covered by the invoice.

With respect to the offense of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities, on Sept. 5, 2009, Mondala, in her capacity as director of Aging, knowingly caused items purchased with government funds to be delivered to persons working on behalf of a political campaign.

Such items were to be used to promote the candidacy of a particular political candidate, according to the plea agreement.

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necessary to support her Title VII claims (employment discrimination).

In her original complaint filed 2015, Neal alleged, among other things, that male prosecutors revealed confidential work product information to opposing lawyers regarding her cases in an effort to sabotage the cases and results.

Neal, who is an African-American lawyer, also disclosed that a then-chief prosecutor called her a "bitch" on multiple occasions and allowed white male employees to engage in discussions of a sexual nature in front of her and other female employees.

The incidents alleged in Neal's complaint did not happen during AG Edward Manibusan's term.

In her original complaint, Neal is suing OAG for violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, subjecting her to hostile work environment, retaliation, violation of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Neal amended her complaint to add the CNMI government as defendant.

The lawyer asked the court to hold OAG liable to pay her back pay with prejudgment interest in amounts to be determined at trial, and other relief necessary to eradicate the effects of the OAG's alleged unlawful employment practices.

Neal also demanded payment for compensation, punitive damages, and compensatory damages. She asked that she be reinstated to her previous position as chief prosecutor with the OAG.

In March 2010, the OAG recruited Neal for a position in the criminal division. She was hired for a one-year contract, handling domestic violence cases. At the time, she had approximately 15 years of experience practicing law in Tennessee and Texas.

902 TALKS

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Department heads met yesterday with Torres and key staff.

The governor is also seeking legal expertise in immigration, environmental, and Department of Defense issues on the team, Torres officials said.

Other than tapping legal expertise from the global law firm Dentons—the same group of lawyers that consulted Torres and the late governor Eloy S. Inos on pressing U.S. military plans for the NMI—the Torres administration has also reached who they view as one of the "top" immigration lawyers nation-wide. However, this attorney's name has not been made public yet.

Preparation for the 902 talks comes as the CNMI braces for the yet-to-be-defined impact of reaching its federally mandated cap of contract workers allowed to work in the CNMI.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced this month that it had reached the its cap of 12,999 CW permits for foreign workers and that no more applications would be accepted for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2016, forcing an unknown number of workers with permits expiring before Sept. 30 to leave the Commonwealth.

Torres officials said yesterday they would be making "recommendations," expected to center on the administration of the contact worker program on the federal side, during consultations with Kia'aina.

Torres, who will be the "special representative" for the CNMI, unlike previous 902 talks where former governors appointed their lieutenant governor to lead talks, and his panel are expected to push for an extension of the contract worker program past its 2019 expiration.

Torres reportedly eyes an extension of 15 years with 15,000 contract workers to be employed in the CNMI.

This extension is eyed as the "long-term" solution to the program, which allows for thousands of foreign workers to live and be employed in the Commonwealth and provide the lifeblood of the economy.

ON CONTRACT WORKER CRISIS

CDA executive director: Retain current workforce now

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Considering that the CNMI's main industry is tourism that requires a sufficient number of skilled manpower, the current workforce now in the CNMI should be retained, according to Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manuel A. Sablan.

"You have to retain whoever is in the workforce now," said Sablan when asked about the ongoing contract worker crisis. Sablan said the hotel industry requires manpower to operate business, which is different from capital-intensive industry, where machines are being used to produce something that can replace a human labor force.

Sablan said to see the tourism industry progress, the CNMI should be very conscious with its employment requirement.

He said CNMI should put emphasis on trying to get the residents here and prepare them to get into the job market.

The CDA executive director said the job market requires skills and the pay level depends on skills.

He underscored the need to maintain the current employment force unless there is a substitute.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manuel A. Sablan delivers the closing remarks during the CNMI Junior Achievement Company Program Spring 2016 competition's banquet at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Saturday.

Sablan said looking at the statistics, the 2014 figure is telling that 24,000 workers are in the labor force and that a substantial amount of that are nonresidents or at least individuals/workers who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.

"So with this high component here of foreign skills, are you telling me that you can replace this thing overnight?" he said.

Sablan said to replace the nonresident workers, the CNMI needs to generate local residents within the situation.

He said there are just not enough skilled workers from the local workforce.

Sablan said his recommendation is retain the current workforce and begin to set a program, that requires some kind of multi-planning, to meet the jobs.

"We don't control the issue. It's external control. So you can plan whatever you want to plan unless you can convince those people in the decision making to be sympathetic with our situation that are knowledgeable with what's happening," he said.

Sablan said the bottom line really is the issue regarding the availability of skilled workers to provide the service to the hotel industry.

He said anybody that is trained and educated and has experience will be able to enter that job.

"The question is how many locals have the skills? What are the skills being provided? You look at the numbers and get some kind of long-term solution," he said.

Sablan said the prevailing wage in the CNMI must attract workers from the U.S. mainland or Hawaii and even from Federated States of Micronesia to replace the nonresident workers.

Sablan said what they are trying to do at CDA is encourage local entrepreneurs, local business development.

"I don't care whether you are residents or nonresidents but as long as you are here. By doing that you generate revenue," he said.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced two weeks ago that they had reached the 12,999 cap of contract workers allowed to work in the CNMI this year. Many contract workers and businesses are affected by the cap. If no relief is given, many families are expected to be separated.

Police arrests man for allegedly stalking former common-law wife

»Defendant seeks police's help to file counter complaint

A 48-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stalking his former common-law wife despite a court order requiring him from staying away from her.

Hari N. Talukdar was arrested for violating an order of protection and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $4,250 cash bail.

A private counsel will be appointed for Talukdar. Preliminary hearing will be on June 6 at 9am.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that last Wednesday at 8pm, the victim parked her car in the grassy area of the Social Hall at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Aldan said as the victim walked on the road at the north side of the church, she saw Talukdar walking toward her so she immediately turned around and went back to her car.

She picked up a friend to talk and they then proceeded to the airport's sports field at 9:30pm. Not long after she parked the car, she noticed a blue Toyota Yaris belonging to Talukdar parked behind her vehicle.

The Toyota Yaris then left. She was scared so she left the place. She noticed that Talukdar's car was following her. Her friend got scared and asked her to drop her at Twins Market in Dandan.

When they arrived at Twins Market in Dandan, she saw the Toyota Yaris again pulling over into the nearby Clean Laundry.

As she was driving on the west-bound lane of Monsignor Guerrero Road, she saw again the same car parallel to her vehicle. She then observed Talukdar driving the car, smiling sarcastically at her.

She shouted at him for following her. She drove to Mount Carmel Cathedral to calm herself down because she was nervous.

She again saw Talukdar's car entering the southern entrance of the cathedral toward her direction. She tried to take a video recording of the car, but it left the area.

She then called 911 for assistance. She told a police officer that she has a court order of protection against the suspect that will expire on April 13, 2017.

The police officer heard through radio that Talukdar was filing a counter complaint against the victim and requesting for police assistance in Afetnas.

The officer drove to Afetnas, where he arrested Talukdar at 12:15am on Thursday. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

DPL asks for infrastructure funding to build homesteads

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo has requested the local delegations of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for funding "as soon as possible" to support the installation of power lines in homestead areas in the CNMI.

In letters sent Wednesday and Thursday last week, Teregeyo reminds lawmakers that the courts and the CNMI attorney general have made it "abundantly clear that cash generated from the management and disposition of public lands cannot be used to fund infrastructure," and that the Legislature must appropriate funds from other sources for this.

Teregeyo wrote to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, the Rota Legislative Delegation, and the Tinian and Aguigan Legislative Delegation.

For Rota homesteads, DPL requested $1.42 million; for Saipan it requested $1.093 million; and for Tinian it requested $1.682 million.

The figures come from Commonwealth Utilities Corp. cost assessments cited by DPL in the letters to install power infrastructure throughout the homestead subdivisions.

On Tinian, DPL says there are a total of 186 active village homestead applications. A total of 118 permits have been issued for the West San Jose Subdivision, but that DPL has withheld issuing 54 of these in light of recipients airing frustration about how they'd be prohibited from constructing their homes due to lack of infrastructure

» Applicants want funding to build homes

"In the words of one of the recipients 'what's the use of having a permit if we can't build?"" Teregeyo writes in her letter to the Tinian delegation, adding that they've also withheld issuing permits for the Kanadan Magpu Village Homestead application for these reasons.

On Saipan, DPL notes a total of 3,104 active village homestead applications on file. And says that the Plumeria Estate Homestead Subdivisions in As Gonno has a total of 228 lots available for distribution. However, lots have also been withheld due to lack of infrastructure.

On Rota, DPL said they have a total of 687 homestead applications on file, 312 of which are active applicants waiting for homestead subdivisions to open. And the most recent with subdivision plans finished is for the Finafa Homestead Subdivision, DPL said.

However, it notes that it has withheld issuing permits in light of recent experiences from numerous recipients at other locations airing their frustration being prohibited from constructing their homes due to lack of infrastructure.

DPL also disclosed that 142 permits were issued to homesteads for lots the Dugi Homestead Subdivision on Rota, but several lots were found to be of "solid limestone surface" and that recipients asked instead to be relocated to another site to due difficulties foreseen in constructing their homes.

DPL says the relocation site is proposed in the Mua area, which they estimate can provide 600 lots to accommodate pending applicants, relocations from Dugi, and future applicants.

In the letters to the delegations, Teregeyo notes that DPL has made similar request for funding in-person each since 2011.

The department, in the letters, pledges to assist in procuring services for installation of power poles as soon as adequate amounts have been appropriated and funds are available.

JON PEREZ
The Matua Riders and others who joined them in their Memorial Day event pose for a group photo before heading out for the Freedom Ride held last Sunday.

Matua riders hold Memorial Day Ride

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The Matua Riders held its first Freedom Ride as their way of commemorating Memorial Day. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, two Guam Harley-Davidson personnel, motorcycle enthusiasts, and two local automobile clubs joined close to 50 Matua members in Sunday's ride.

The convoy, which saw also a number of Matua members who are veterans taking part, converged at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion as early as 8am then headed out for their around-the-island ride a little past 10am.

Torres, a first-time rider, thanked the Matua for organizing the event as their way of honoring those who are in the armed forces, veterans, and especially those who died in serving the country.

"This is the Matua Riders' way of thanking and honoring all of those who are in the armed services and all veterans, whether they are still alive or are no longer with us. That's why I decided to join them when they asked me to ride with them," said Torres.

"I am truly honored to be part of this event. I am thankful for the invitation. Thank you too to the whole club and Marie Igitol for the services they contribute to the community."

"We thank all those who are in the armed forces for their sacrifice and time spent in keeping us safe. A special thank you also to all their families for their understanding in the job of their family members in protecting our freedom," Torres added.

Matua secretary Marie Igitol said they are planning for a bigger event next year. "This is the first time and we invited all motorcyclists on the island. There are also two of our brothers from Guam who joined us as well as several local auto clubs."

"This is one of our way of remembering the fallen heroes, the veterans, and their families. This is our heartfelt way of thanking them for all of their meaningful sacrifices," added Igitol, whose husband Ivan is also a veteran and is Matua's vice president.

From Minatchom Atdao, the group headed south to Coral Ocean and to the airport before going up to Dandan and all the way to San Vicente. They then headed up to Isa Drive going to Kagman before tuning back to Capital Hill.

From Capital Hill, they went toward Sadog Tasi and up north to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, and Grotto and headed to Veterans Memorial Cemetery where they had a brief ceremony commemorating those who have died. They also stopped at American Memorial Park before heading back to Minatchom Atdao pavilion for lunch.

DPS' Highway Safety and Share the Road programs, MARPAC, Mariana Resort, the Saipan Mayor's Office, 670 Rocksteady Shop, MPACT 2 Auto Club, Team Exotic Auto Club, and J-Mac and Mr. G. of Harley-Davidson Guam, helped and supported the Freedom Ride.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

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Glushko appeals for support from various sectors

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REPORTER

Glushko Academy of Performing Arts creative director and choreographer Anna Glushko is seeking support from various sectors of the community to help her keep organizing ballet and dance concerts on Saipan.

The Ballet of the Stars 2016 was shown last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe, but she revealed that this might be their last show unless somebody helps her in raising funds.

"I can't raise the money on my own. I can't be the artist, creative director, and at the same time organizing fundraisers. We need help from the community," said Glushko, who opened the dance school in 2002.

The surprising news somewhat dampened the lively mood of the crowd after a successful show that featured Russian ballet dancers Margarita Rudina and Alexey Nasadovich together with Glushko's students.

"The girls and I love to dance. We love performing. We are only a little dance school and we can't do it without sponsors. This was the lowest this year in terms of sponsorships and the least support from donors," she added.

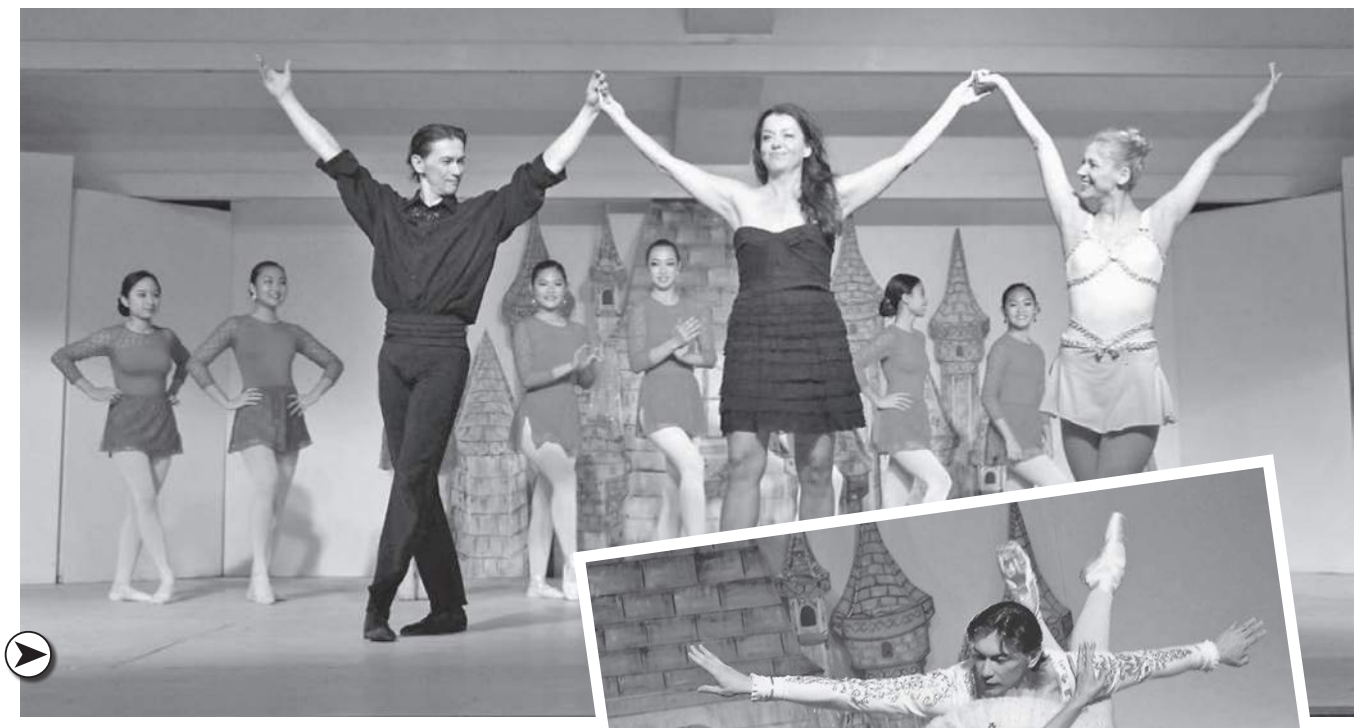
That's why Glushko is appealing for the community's help. "I hope organizations, businesses, and other members of the community could assist us. I can't do it by myself. I love my job but it is really a hard year for us."

She said that every show they build a platform on the stage and rent other equipment needed. "We always have our lights and sound equipment and rent chairs. Plus we also have to build a platform and that also costs us labor."

Glushko added that they are also about to move to another studio after spending more than 10 years at the Marianas Business Plaza formerly Nauru Building. "It has been a tough year for us. We're moving to another place and we're going to announce where it is as soon as we finalize the details."

"I just hope somebody stepped up to help me in organizing fundraising events and at the same time generous donors would do their share in helping us hold shows like this on Saipan."

The two-part show started with the Sleeping Beauty Wedding with Rudina and Nasadovich playing the main characters of Princess Aurora and Prince Desire. Glushko, playing the Lilac Fairy, and her students portraying popular fairytale characters supported them.



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Anna Glushko, center, and Russian ballet dancers Margarita Rudina, right, and Alexey Nasadovich during the curtain call.

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Russian ballet dancers Margarita Rudina and Alexey Nasadovich play the roles of Princess Aurora and Prince Desire.

Little ballerinas were also the stars of the show. JON PEREZ

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Some of Anna Glushko's students were part of the Sleeping Beauty's wedding performance in last Saturday's Ballet of Starts 2016 held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe.

Anastasia Shimanaeva, center, as Grey Wolf dances with the Little Red Riding Hoods. JON PEREZ

Cerinn Hwang, second left, leads the Flame dance. JON PEREZ

Cevina Hwang, center, as Puss in Boots leads the Kitty Cats. JON PEREZ

Anna Glushko's students perform a waltz. JON PEREZ

Memorial Day Commemoration

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ

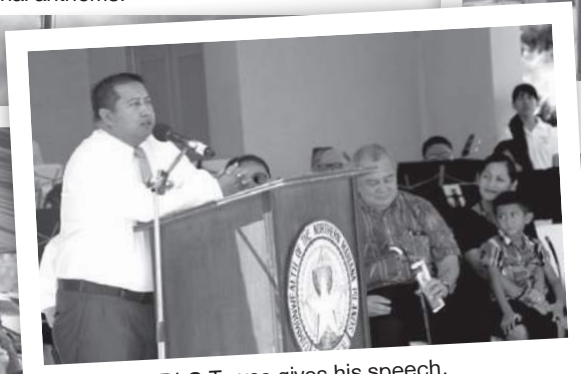
Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) was the host of yesterday's ceremony commemorating and honoring all fallen heroes at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Mariano Fajardo, left, and Mac Chargualaf were some of the veterans who attended yesterday's ceremony.

The Marianas High School chorale led the singing of the U.S. and CNMI national anthems.

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Col. Mihair Leta gives his salute after the laying of the wreath.

The Saipan Southern High School color guard.



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres gives his speech.

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii entertains the crowd.

The U.S., CNMI, and the POW-MIA flags fly high at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, back second right, leads the laying of the wreath.

CNMI officials and veterans pose for a group photo after the ceremony.

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The permanent cost of war: With each death, an American family constricts

Karen Hon, a veteran living in Colorado, flies a new American flag every Memorial Day. That tribute barely hints at the holiday's personal significance. It took her years to get a grip on the day, the month of May, even the month of April.

In May 1968, Hon was 10 years old, living with her family in Chicago, when her father, Army Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Hon, was shot dead by a sniper in Vietnam. His body was brought home for burial on the day before Memorial Day. For Hon's family, the holiday would come to mean annual visits to the cemetery to lay flowers at his grave.

"Memorial Day is very powerful to me," Karen Hon tells us, her voice filling with emotion and pride so suddenly it catches her by surprise.

From another war, another tale of service: The Chicago Tribune reported on Memorial Day 1944 that Army Pfc. Fred Bucholz was awarded, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Cross. Fighting the Japanese at Kwajalein in the South Pacific, Pfc. Bucholz dragged his wounded platoon leader into a shell hole. Pfc. Bucholz was killed putting a Japanese blockhouse out of action with a hand grenade.

The nephew of Pfc. Bucholz, also named Fred Bucholz, will fly the flag on Memorial Day at his home, as he does each year. He knows of his family's war service and is awed by it. Three Bucholz brothers served in World War II. Two died. A few months after Pfc. Bucholz was killed in the Pacific, younger brother Henry was killed in France. A third brother, Marvin, made it home.

"It's pretty rare to lose two boys in a conflict," Fred Bucholz tells us. "I think about it all the time."

With the United States at war for nearly 15 years since 9/11, there's no risk of forgetting Memorial Day's meaning: an expression of gratitude for those who gave their lives in the service of our country. But it's worth pausing, away from the day's pageantry and barbecues, to reflect on how each military death is a permanent loss to an American family.

The elder Fred Bucholz was a star football player in high school in the 1920s. He joined the Army in 1942 at age 34, making him an older soldier at war. He was cool in combat and modest about it. On Attu in the Aleutian Islands in 1943, Pfc. Bucholz's company was dug in on a creek bank when Japanese machine gun fire ripped through the muddy embankment, burying an officer under soggy mud. Pfc. Bucholz dodged bullets to unearth the lieutenant's face so he could breathe. The private received a commendation for bravery and sent news home to a fourth brother, Carl, but asked him not to tell anyone.

The younger Fred Bucholz has yellowed press clippings about his uncle's heroism on Attu and Kwajalein. The Army also named an airfield for Pfc. Bucholz on Kwajalein, en-

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Democracy threatened as populism rises here and abroad

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In the early 1990s, after the collapse of the Soviet empire, most Western nations basked in the illusion that liberal democracy had triumphed. Many thought NATO had become an anachronism in an era of permanent European peace.

Some countries freed from Kremlin control, including tiny Estonia, knew better. Only 2 1/2 decades later, the European Union teeters and populism thrives — on both sides of the Atlantic. A revanchist Russia bent on restoring past glory makes nuclear threats against members of the NATO alliance.

So this is an opportune moment to listen to Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, who was in Philadelphia last week to address a Baltic studies conference at the University of Pennsylvania. (The son of Estonian refugees, he studied in the United States and is a Penn alumnus.)

"Twenty-five years of Western history are over," he said bluntly. "The optimism of the 1990s has been shattered by Russia. Russia is back with 19th-century goals and 21st-century means."

But, he cautioned, "We are clueless amid transformational change to which we do not know how to respond because we don't know what we want to achieve."

Of course, the threats to the Europe of 1990s dreams are internal as well as external. The populist parties that are gaining strength across Europe and the appeal of Trumpism (and Bernie Sanders) here are outgrowths of the economic pain wreaked on citizens by globalization and the failure of traditional parties to respond.

But, as Ilves noted, the economic travails of Western democracies present openings for a reckless Russia to meddle. Populist leaders in Europe, some openly encouraged by Russian President Vladimir Putin, are pressing for the breakup of the European Union. On June 23, the British will vote on whether to leave the EU, and the vote looks likely to be close.

Meantime, Donald Trump, talks of possibly leaving NATO, while constantly complimenting Putin. Although Ilves never mentioned Trump by name, he is clearly concerned.

"East Europeans were told to get over their fears of Russia," he said, "but today Western Europe recognizes there is an ongoing war in Europe."

Indeed, Russian planes conduct provocative stunts, like recently buzzing within 30 feet of a U.S. Navy destroyer in the Baltic Sea and flying with transponders off over Baltic countries, risking a collision with civilian aircraft.

And there are things that worry Ilves even more.

"Today, threats to use nuclear weapons are part of the Russian discourse, with simulated nuclear attacks on Stockholm and Poland," he said.

Kremlin emissaries have reportedly threatened a nuclear response if NATO moved troops into the Baltic, and last year Putin warned he might call for a nuclear alert as Russia was invading Crimea. Moscow is reportedly considering putting nuclear weapons in Kaliningrad, a small Russian territory on the Baltic Sea.

Making nuclear threats against the West reeks of the Cold War. "The Soviet Union never did this after 1962," Ilves said an interview. "It is one of the things that is shocking today."

Would an economically weak Russia really contemplate using such weapons? Would Putin ever consider invading a NATO member such as Estonia?

The Estonian president wants to take no chances. "The thinking of Russian leaders is unpredictable," he answers.

Indeed, Ilves says it took NATO members far too long to grasp the significance of Putin's invasion of Ukraine: "Changing borders in Europe has been a no-no since 1945. The last time was 1938 (when Germany invaded) the Sudetenland. (Yet) there are still countries that want to end sanctions (against Russia on account of Ukraine)."

Ilves believes sanctions have had "a deterring effect," and caving on them would only encourage Putin to nibble further, possibly on the Baltics.

"We need a credible deterrence policy in the Baltic region to influence the Russian calculus to make the costs of interference

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Trump can only mine old controversies for so long

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Whitewater? Vince Foster? Juanita Broaddrick? Donald Trump appears to have tumbled into a time warp. He wants to revive the Arkansas scandals of the 1990s, when many Republicans thought impeaching then-President Bill Clinton was a sure path to victory. (It wasn't.) Trump has turned an old political bromide on its head. For the moment, his campaign isn't about the future; it's about the past.

In interviews, speeches and a campaign video, Trump has cited the often-lurid controversies of the Bill Clinton administration as a reason voters shouldn't put Hillary Clinton in the White House.

Clinton "was the biggest abuser of women, as a politician, in the history of our country," Trump said in one interview.

"Hillary was an enabler," he added.

"Whether it's Whitewater or whether it's Vince or whether it's Benghazi, it's always a mess with Hillary."

(For younger readers, Whitewater was a land deal in Arkansas in which Bill and Hillary Clinton were investors; one of their partners was convicted of fraud in 1997, but the Clintons were not found at fault. Vince Foster was a law partner of Hillary Clinton who killed himself in 1993; conspiracy theorists, including Trump, suggest — without evidence — that he might have been murdered. Juanita Broaddrick is an Arkansas woman who says Bill Clinton raped her in 1978; Clinton's lawyer has denied the allegation, which Broaddrick did not report to police at the time. And yes, Congress impeached then-President Clinton; in 1999, the Senate held a month-long trial and acquitted him.)

Trump's resurrection of tales from the Clinton crypt may seem bizarre. After all, Bill Clinton has been one of the more admired politicians in America since his presidency ended in an economic boom 15 years ago. He's far more popular than either Trump or his wife.

Other Republican politicians have been scratching their heads.

"It's something I might not have done," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who led the impeachment effort in 1998, told the Washington Post. "But he operates on such a different model that I'd be very cautious about rendering judgment."

Trump claims he's raking up ancient muck because he thinks he has been forced to. "It's only retribution for what (Hillary Clinton) said," he told CNN. "She is playing the woman's card to the hilt."

But as often with Trump, there's an element of strategy at work here, too.

Throwing allegations at Clinton, even indiscriminately, helps reinforce the label he's trying to pin on the presumptive Democratic nominee: "Crooked Hillary."

If Trump can get the media and voters to focus on Clinton's problems, real or imaginary, that helps counter her negative messages about him — his past statements about women or his refusal to release his tax returns. Reviving old controversies also gets in the way of Democrats' portrayal of the 1990s as a golden age.

"If this becomes a race about which one would be the worse president, that's to Trump's advantage," GOP strategist David Winston told me. "It puts him on an equal footing with Clinton."

Clinton advisers, for their part, think Trump is "trolling" — trying to provoke Bill or Hillary Clinton into losing their tempers and responding in kind, thereby turning this sideshow into the main event.

"Any response would make it into a huge story," one Clinton adviser told me.

Fully cognizant of that fact, Hillary Clinton and her husband have stolidly refused to directly counter Trump's nastiest charges ("predator," "enabler"). There's probably been plenty of lip-biting in the Clinton household these days.

When the Clintons do attack Trump, they focus mostly on what they call his "dangerous and divisive" statements and his proposals. They say he's "an unqualified loose cannon" but leave his marital history — which includes past charges of adultery and spousal rape – off the table. And in this election, that qualifies as the high road.

Indeed, Clinton is trying — really she is — to make this contest about something other than bluster.

She has already been talking at length – sometimes great length – about the policies she proposes to make the country better. The problem is, those speeches haven't earned her much live coverage on cable television; Trump's unscripted news conferences beat her on that count every time.

But I'll boldly offer a scrap of good news: The scandals of the 1990s won't remain a novelty forever. They're already old — and pretty soon, they're going to seem old again. One of these days, possibly on a debate stage, even Trump will have to talk at length about policies and programs — about the economy, and health care and foreign policy. But only, it appears, once he has exhausted every other topic.

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suring his legacy. "They don't just name an airfield after privates unless they did something pretty remarkable," the nephew says.

He's got fewer details about the service of his other fallen uncle, Sgt. Henry Bucholz, who had captained his college football team. He was a machine gunner killed in France on July 21, 1944. The nephew knows a lot more about the impact of the deaths on his family. His grandmother was devastated by the loss of two sons, while Marvin was left to wonder why he survived when two brothers did not. "I don't think he ever recovered," Fred Bucholz says. "He never married, never had children."

When Bucholz thinks about his uncle Fred, he focuses on his courage, and the inevitable question asked by the untested observer: "Could I have done what he did? Would I have had the courage? A lot of guys would have stayed back and held their position and stayed alive. Whatever motivated my uncle to do that is hard for me to grasp."

Johnny Hon was a member of the Illinois National Guard and later an Army reservist during the Vietnam era. He and his wife, Darline, had three daughters. Karen remembers dancing the twist with her father when she was about 8, and riding in a truck together to retrieve school desks and books from a closed church. And her goodbye hug: She was allowed on the plane to see him off in his dress greens.

"It wasn't a popular war, that's obvious," Karen Hon says. "However, my father had the fortitude to say, 'This is America, this is my country.'" Duty called, and Sgt. Hon volunteered for Vietnam. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and was leading a patrol when he was killed. It happened about six weeks into his tour. He was 32.

Karen Hon remembers that Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley came to the funeral home. Darline Hon told the Tribune a year after Sgt. Hon's death that he loved the Army: "I guess I'm just a soldier's wife — and very proud of it." But with the war dividing America politically, the years afterward weren't always easy. "There were people who tried to be hurtful," Karen Hon says. "You lived with that."

Military service in the post 9/11 era is nothing like that: The public knows to keep a separation between the uniform and politics. "They are hailed as good soldiers," she says. "I think it's made people stop and think about actually what was said and done to the Vietnam vet."

Karen Hon made her own statement about her father's sacrifice. She joined up, serving 25 years in the National Guard. When she retired a few years back she was a platoon sergeant. It was the same position her father held.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Uncle Sam,

We are not really related by blood but I grew up hearing your name from my father. In the years that I was growing up back in our house, my father would tell us stories about you. I imagine from those stories that our ties are very strong because you have been very much a part of the history of our family. My father will always tell us how you give people like us the opportunity to make their lives better and where everybody who dreams and strives to achieve their dreams can succeed.

I still find it amazing that one day, I was already in your house. You accepted me and welcomed me like I'm one of your own children. In a short period of time, I feel like I'm home. I worked hard, followed all your rules, and I contributed to your livelihood to show you my gratitude. I was a good daughter.

Then one day, you decided to impose discipline for reasons that we did not cause and for which we were also the victims. I thought I understood the situation and I supported your decision. Who would not want a change that promised to stop the abuse of my people? I marched and showed you my support.

Years later, I am sad to tell you that a lot of us are already gone from your house. It was not only difficult to feed our own families. It's even harder to stay because you set a certain number of people who can stay in your house and a rule that entails tedious process and uncertainty on whether we have to stop working or worst, if we have to leave. I have seen friends and family who were brokenhearted because everything that they had built for years all of a sudden were shattered. The only people who stubbornly stayed are those who cannot leave because they already have families here or they don't have anywhere else to go because they have been here for the most part of their lives and they are afraid that there will be no other place where they can start all over again.

I am writing on behalf of my family and friends who are still in your house, hoping and praying for your mercy to let them become truly a part of your family. Is it not enough that they already lived most of their lives here among your own children? Why do you make them suffer because of all of these uncertainties? You are the only one who can take them out from this dilemma so I am wondering why you are not doing anything. It's as if you are punishing them. When I talked to you years ago, you already told me that it's not going to be easy because if you give us a better deal here in CNMI, you also have to give the same to everyone. Fair enough but I will not stop in asking you to look at the CNMI. We are dying. We cannot anymore survive on temporary remedies. We need stability. We need a permanent solution once and for all.

Please do not anymore prolong their agony. After all, they are humans too.

Irene Nepomuceno
Puerto Rico

DEMOCRACY

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too high," says Ilves. "Russia's behavior requires a decisive and united (NATO) response."

Of course, isolationists here and in Europe echo the Kremlin charge that Putin is reacting to a fear of encirclement brought on by NATO expansion to the Baltics and Eastern Europe. It's far more useful to consider the alternative. As Ilves points out, Putin felt free to invade Ukraine precisely because it wasn't a member of NATO.

What Trumpism ignores is Ilves' larger point: The West must recognize the value of a free and secure Europe, something that NATO countries took for granted during the past two decades.

The threat that Russia presents is more complex than in Cold War times. Putin wants to divide and weaken NATO and the European Union and promote a new brand of managed "democracy," with himself as the leader. His nuclear-rattling may be testing the alliance's staying power.

So far, NATO has held firm, and will deploy several thousand additional troops to the Baltics and Poland on a rotating basis. Key NATO countries also seem to be waking up to the need to spend more on defense.

"NATO has not been this relevant for a long, long time," says the Estonian leader. "Europeans haven't been under this kind of threat since Gorbachev's time."

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.
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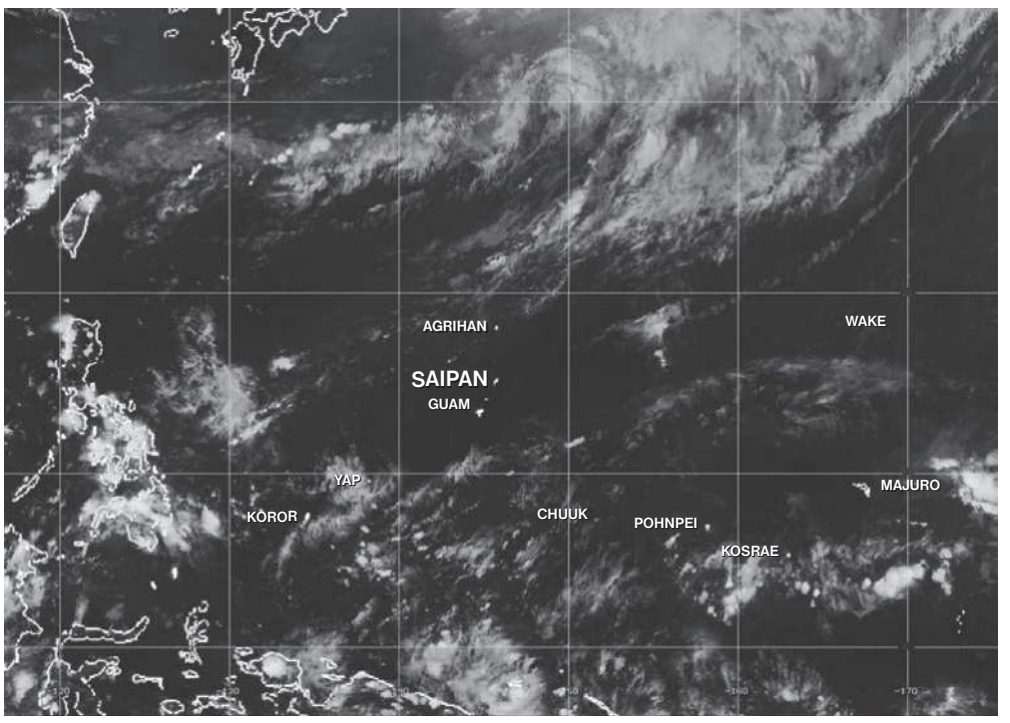
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered northwest of Yap at 16N134E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen west of the circulation west of a line from 16N133E to 13N133E. An upper-level trough curves northeastward from 3N134E through a low centered near Yap at 10N139E to beyond 25N at 168E. Isolated thunderstorms are found southeast of Yap between the equator and 9N from 140E to 152E. Trade-wind disturbances are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Kosrae to Majuro within 160 miles of a line from 3N161E to 10N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲60	▼47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼61
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼71
London	Rain	▲60	▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼78
Melbourne	Sunny	▲62	▼41
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
New York	Showers	▲77	▼69
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼65
Paris	Rain	▲58	▼57
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲76	▼61
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲67	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼58
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Washington, DC	Showers	▲78	▼67

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:05 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
10:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
4:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
10:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:26 AM	1:47 PM
Wednesday	2:13 AM	2:45 PM
Thursday	3:01 AM	3:45 PM
Friday	3:52 AM	4:47 PM
Saturday	4:46 AM	5:47 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
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2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Business

Students seeking sugar daddies for tuition, rent

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
AP BUSINESS WRITER

In this Tuesday, April 19, 2016, photo, law school student Candice Kashani poses for a photograph in Bryn Mawr, Pa. AP

Candice Kashani graduated from law school debt-free this spring, thanks to a modern twist on an age-old arrangement.

During her first year, she faced tuition and expenses that ran nearly $50,000, even after a scholarship. So she decided to check out a dating website that connected women looking for financial help with men willing to provide it, in exchange for companionship and sex—a "sugar daddy" relationship as they are known.

Now, almost three years and several sugar daddies later, Kashani is set to graduate from Villanova University free and clear, while some of her peers are burdened with six-digit debts.

As the cost of tuition and rent rises, so does the apparent popularity of such sites among students. But are they really providing financial relief, or signing women up for something more exploitative and dangerous than debt?

Kashani believes such sites are a "great resource" for young women, but others say these arrangements smack of prostitution and take advantage of women in a vulnerable situation.

Lynn Comella, an associate professor of gender and sexuality studies at University of Nevada Las Vegas, said that it is not unusual for students to turn to sex work such as stripping, prostitution or webcam work to pay for school. But the sugar daddy sites are relatively new, and she says not entirely upfront about what they are really about.

Don't let co-worker's painkiller use go unchecked

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
Tribune News Service

Marie G. McIntyre is a workplace coach and the author of "Secrets to Winning at Office Politics." Send in questions and get free coaching tips at http://www.yourofficecoach.com, or follow her on Twitter @ officecoach.

Q: Our human resources director has been using prescription painkillers for a very long time. "Lisa" often appears foggy and dazed and occasionally falls asleep at her computer. She readily admits to taking this medication at work, so she's not trying to hide anything. Since Lisa and I report to the same vice president, I have previously made him aware of this issue. However, he seems reluctant to address it. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Your vice president either fails to grasp the seriousness of the problem or isn't sure what to do about it. Under normal circumstances, you could seek guidance from human resources, but that option is obviously off the table. Therefore, the only alternative is to have a more emphatic talk with your hesitant boss.

To emphasize the gravity of the situation, ask some other concerned managers to join you in meeting with him. Going as a group will emphasize the widespread impact of Lisa's impairment, thereby making it harder to ignore. Since legal aspects will need to be considered, be sure to include an attorney in this conversation.

Prepare for the discussion by creating a detailed summary of the business risks posed by a dysfunctional HR department. Even if Lisa has a competent staff, a stupefied department head can't provide effective leadership or make sound decisions, so your boss needs to recognize the potential liabilities.

Once you have the vice president's attention, give him contact information for some qualified professional resources. When addressing drug and alcohol issues, managers should always consult the experts before taking action. Employee assistance programs and community mental health centers are usually good sources of help.

When talking with employees like Lisa, managers must understand that their role is to discuss job performance, not substance abuse. They should focus on work behavior and avoid making assumptions or accusations. Suggesting resources can sometimes be appropriate, but making a diagnosis is not. Fortunately, when people realize their job may be at risk, they are often motivated to confront the underlying problem.

Q: My supervisor is very cute, and I recently realized that I have a serious crush on him. Because we're both from South Korea, we have shared values and a similar background. Neither of us is married, and we have a lot of common interests. We are also about the same age. I just learned that he will be returning to Korea in a few weeks. Since I know my feelings are real, do you think I should I tell him?

A: While confessing to your crush might be premature, you can certainly tell this cute supervisor that you'd like to stay in touch. Because he will no longer be your boss, there's no reason to avoid a personal connection.

Perhaps you could start by asking him to lunch, then suggesting possible ways to maintain communication once he leaves. If he seems equally interested, this might be the first step towards a lasting relationship. But if not, at least you gave it a try.

Nation

A veteran's race against time to return WWI Purple Hearts

ST. ALBANS, Vt. (AP)—A group that seeks to reunite lost Purple Hearts with service members or their descendants is embarking on an ambitious project: to return 100 such medals or certificates earned in World War I before the 100th anniversary next April of the United States' entry into the conflict.

Zachariah Fike, of the Vermont-based Purple Hearts Reunited, began the project after noticing he had in his collection of memorabilia a total of exactly 100 Purple Hearts or equivalent lithographs awarded for injuries or deaths from the Great War.

"You're honoring fallen heroes," said Fike, a Vermont National Guard captain wounded in Afghanistan in 2010. "These are our forefathers; these are the guys that have shed their blood or sacrificed their lives for us. Any opportunity to bring light to that is always a good thing."

The lithographs, known as a Lady Columbia Wound Certificate and showing a toga-wearing woman knighting an infantry soldier on bended knee, were what World War I military members wounded or killed while serving were awarded before the Purple Heart came into being in 1932. World War I service members who already had a lithograph became eligible for a Purple Heart at that time.

The Purple Hearts and the certificates include the name of the service member to whom they were awarded. Fike is working with researchers to try to find the descendants of the service members.

So far, he has found about two dozen, including a handful of children, most now in their 90s, so they can be presented with commemorations that somehow were lost.

At least 6 dead, 2 missing after floods in Texas, Kansas

HOUSTON (AP)—Authorities in central Texas found two more bodies along flooded streams Sunday, bringing the death toll from flooding in the state to six.

It's unclear whether a body found in Travis County near Austin is one of the two people still missing in Texas. An 11-year-old boy is still missing in central Kansas, too.

The latest flooding victim identified by authorities was a woman who died when the car she was riding in was swept from the street by the flooded Cypress Creek about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Kendall County sheriff's Cpl. Reid Daly said.

The car, with three occupants, was in Comfort, about 45 miles north of San Antonio. The driver made it to shore, and a female passenger was rescued from a tree. But Daly said 23-year-old Florida Molima was missing until her body was found around 11 a.m. Sunday about 8 miles downstream. She becomes the sixth flood-related death in Texas this Memorial Day weekend.

In Bandera, about 45 miles northwest of San Antonio, an estimated 10 inches of rain overnight led to the rescues of nine people. The rain caused widespread damage, including the collapse of the roof of the Bandera Bulletin, the weekly newspaper, KSAT-TV in San Antonio reported. Photos from the area showed campers and trailers stacked against each other, but no injuries were reported.

Torrential rains caused heavy flash flooding in some parts of the U.S. over the last few days, and led to numerous evacuations in southeast Texas, including two prisons. But the threat of severe weather has lessened over the long Memorial Day holiday for many places, though Tropical Depression Bonnie continued to bring rain and wind to North and South Carolina.

ACROSS THE NATION

Trump rallies veterans at annual Rolling Thunder gathering

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican Donald Trump told a motorcycle rally on Sunday that people in the U.S. illegally often are cared for better than the nation's military veterans, without backing up his allegation. "Thousands of people are dying waiting in line to see a doctor. That is not going to happen anymore," Trump told veterans gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial as part of the annual Rolling Thunder event, which brings thousands of motorcyclists to Washington each Memorial Day weekend. Trump has repeated his comparison of the treatment of immigrants and veterans frequently during the campaign. Congress and many states have written an assortment of laws and policies designed to restrict government services to people living in the country illegally.

Shootings at Houston auto shop leave gunman, customer dead

HOUSTON (AP)—A man came into a Houston auto detail shop and began shooting, killing a man known to be a customer and putting a neighborhood on lockdown Sunday before being killed by a SWAT officer, police said. Several people were shot and injured, including a man authorities initially described as another suspect because he was present and armed. Police said later Sunday they were investigating further whether he played any role. Three others—two of them male and one female—were hospitalized with injuries police said were not believed to be life-threatening. Two officers who were shot were released from the hospital later Sunday.

Package explodes at New York prison guard's home, burns him

FLOYD, N.Y. (AP)—A suspicious package left by a prison guard's mailbox exploded and seriously burned him when he opened it, authorities said Sunday as they worked to determine who sent it and why. The 52-year-old officer was severely injured, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, in an explosion that stunned the small central New York town of Floyd. Cuomo called the blast "horrific," and local, state and federal agencies were investigating and trying to determine whether the blast was related to the victim's work. "There are a lot of unanswered questions," Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol told reporters at a news conference. "And we're confident that with all of us working together, we can figure out who did this."

Asia

Though largely unknown, Trump finds fans in China

BEIJING (AP)—China features prominently in the rhetoric of presumed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who accuses the country of stealing American jobs and cheating at global trade. In China itself, though, he's only now emerging as a public figure, despite notoriety elsewhere for his voluble utterances, high-profile businesses and reality TV show.

And although Chinese officials and state media have denounced Trump's threats of economic retaliation, many Chinese observers see a silver lining in his focus on economic issues to the near-total exclusion of human rights and political freedoms. That appears to make him an attractive alternative to his likely rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, who is regarded as far more critical of China's communist system.

Trump "could in fact be the best president for China," Hong Kong Phoenix Television political commentator Wu Jun said during a recent on-air discussion.

"That's because the Republican Party is more practical and Trump is a businessman who puts his commercial interests above everything else," Wu said. Clinton, on the other hand, "might be the least friendly president toward China."

Despite his frequent evocations of China, it's not clear how familiar Trump actually is with the country. While he's claimed to have made "billions of dollars dealing with China," he has no known investments in the nation, and it isn't clear what influential figures he knows in the Chinese political and business realms. Chinese are, however, customers for Trump's hotel, golf course and real estate ventures, while Trump-branded clothing and accessories have been made in China.

Trump mentions the country so often that a popular YouTube compilation video exists in which he says the word China more than 200 times in just over 3 minutes. His various statements on China range from the blunt ("We can't continue to allow China to rape our country") to the anodyne ("I like China very much").

Still, Trump was largely unknown in China until his campaign for the Republican nomination began gathering momentum last year.

Fiji pulls some peacekeepers from Egypt amid security fears

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Fiji said Sunday it's bringing home about 65 of the 300-plus peacekeepers it has stationed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and has closed remote bases there as the security situation deteriorates.

Commander Humphery Tawake, who heads the South Pacific nation's foreign peacekeeping force, said Fiji was asked to scale down its presence by the leaders of the international peacekeeping operation in Egypt.

Tawake said the U.S. and Colombia were also planning to reduce troop numbers as peacekeepers in the northern Sinai found themselves increasingly caught in the middle of fighting between Egypt's armed forces and militants affiliated with the Islamic State group.

"It's not only affecting us, it's affecting the whole mission," Tawake said. "The threat and the danger that has pre-existed since 2013 has spilled over. Some of our locations were hit by indirect fire and mortars last week."

He said that five of Fiji's remote outposts in the Sinai have been closed recently, leaving just two or three operating. He said only about 10 to 15 troops operate the small outposts, making them more vulnerable to attack than larger bases.

Tawake said the decisions about troop numbers were coming from the headquarters of the Multinational Force and Observers group, and exact numbers for Fiji's drawdown had yet to be finalized. He said Fiji had stationed peacekeepers in Egypt since 1982, with the latest group of a little over 300 beginning a planned one-year rotation in February.

The Multinational Force and Observers group has continually monitored compliance with the 1979 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. Twelve nations currently contribute a total of about 1,700 troops to the force, with Fiji authorized to contribute up to 338 troops.

The U.S. is authorized to contribute up to 707 troops. The Associated Press reported last year that the Obama administration was quietly reviewing the future of America's role in the Sinai, with options ranging from beefing up protection for U.S. troops to pulling them out altogether.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan arrest 2 officials for helping slain Taliban chief

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani spokesman says federal investigators have arrested two officials involved in issuing Pakistani documents to the slain Taliban chief, Mullah Akhtar Mansour, and his family. Mansour was killed in a U.S. drone strike a week ago in southwestern Baluchistan province. A Pakistani passport found near the destroyed car identified him as Wali Mohammad. Interior Ministry's spokesman Sarfaraz Hussain says Aziz Ahmed, an official in Baluchistan's capital of Quetta, was arrested on Saturday. Hussain says Ahmed approving a national identity card for Mansour in the name of Wali Mohammad in 2001. The second official arrested is Riffat Iqbal, with the registration authorities in the port city of Karachi. Hussain says Iqbal was arrested for facilitating the paperwork on Pakistani citizenship for Mansour's second wife and his children.

Woman fails to save friend in Australian crocodile attack

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—A woman struggled in vain to drag her friend from a crocodile's jaws off a northeast Australian beach, police said on Monday. The pair were in shallow water at Thornton Beach in the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park in Queensland state when the 46-year-old woman was taken by the crocodile late Sunday, Police Senior Constable Russell Parker said. "Her 47-year-old friend tried to grab her and drag her to safety but she just wasn't able to do that," Parker told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Police said the women were swimming in waist-deep water, while paramedics reported they were wading in knee-deep water when the crocodile struck.

World

More than 700 feared dead in recent Mediterranean crossings

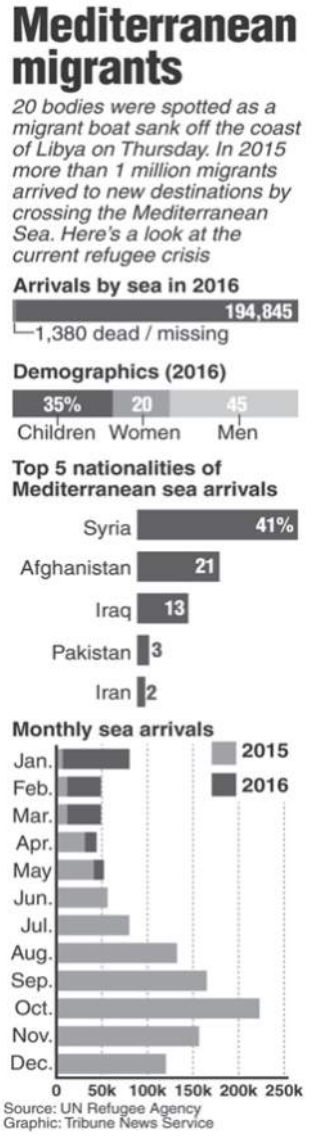
POZZALLO, Sicily (AP)—Survivor accounts have pushed to more than 700 the number of migrants feared dead in Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over three days in the past week, even as rescue ships saved thousands of others in daring operations.

The shipwrecks appear to account for the largest loss of life reported in the Mediterranean since April 2015, when a single ship sank with an estimated 800 people trapped inside. Humanitarian organizations say that many migrant boats sink without a trace, with the dead never found, and their fates only recounted by family members who report their failure to arrive in Europe.

"It really looks like that in the last period the situation is really worsening in the last week, if the news is confirmed," said Giovanna Di Benedetto, a Save the Children spokeswoman in Italy.

Warmer waters and calmer weather of late have only increased the migrants' attempts to reach Europe.

The largest number of missing and presumed dead was aboard a wooden fishing boat being towed by another smugglers' boat from the Libyan port of Sabratha that sank Thursday. Estimates by police and humanitarian organizations, based on survivor accounts, range from around 400 to about 550 missing in that sinking alone.



One survivor from Eritrea, 21-year-old Filmon Selomon, told The Associated Press that water started seeping into the second boat after three hours of navigation, and that the migrants tried vainly to get the water out of the sinking boat.

"It was very hard because the water was coming from everywhere. We tried for six hours after which we said it was not possible anymore," he said through an interpreter.

He jumped into the water and swam to the other boat before the tow line on the navigable boat was cut to prevent it from sinking when the other went down.

A 17-year-old Eritrean, Mohammed Ali Imam, who arrived five days ago in another rescue, said one of the survivors told him that the second boat started taking on water when the first boat ran out of fuel.

Police said the line, which was ordered cut by the commander when it was at full tension, whipped back, fatally slashing the neck of a female migrant.

Syria's cease-fire strengthens al-Qaida branch

BEIRUT (AP)—Al-Qaida's branch in Syria has recruited thousands of fighters, including teenagers, and taken territory from government forces in a successful offensive in the north, illustrating how the cease-fire put in place by Russia and the United States to weaken the militants has in many ways backfired.

The branch, known as the Nusra Front, has churned out a flood of videos—slickly produced in the style of its rival, the Islamic State group—that show off its recruitment drive. In one, young men line up for combat training. In another, a bearded al-Qaida fighter in a mosque urges a crowd of men to join jihad. A third shows an al-Qaida-linked cleric leading a graduation ceremony, handing out weapons to young men.

Since March, the group recruited 3,000 new fighters, including teenagers, in comparison to an average of 200 to 300 a month before, according to Rami Abdurrahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an activist group monitoring the conflict. He cited contacts within the Nusra Front. Other activists said hundreds living in camps for displaced people in the north have joined the al-Qaida branch.

But battlefield success and the push for new recruits have brought to the surface tensions within the Nusra Front over the group's future path, observers say.

A hard-line faction within the group wants to emulate al-Qaida's chief rival, the Islamic State group, and declare an Islamic caliphate in the areas under its control, a step al-Qaida has long rejected because it does not want to alienate its allies in the Syrian opposition. On the other end of the spectrum, a Syria-minded camp within the Nusra Front wants to focus entirely on the campaign to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad and to break ties with al-Qaida.

"There are leaders in Nusra who are saying we are strongest, why are we not ruling and why don't we declare a caliphate?" said Radwan Mortada, an expert on jihadi groups who writes for Lebanon's Al-Akhbar newspaper. "There are others who say the world will not leave us alone so long as we are related to al-Qaida. So the least we can do ... is declare our dissociation with al-Qaida."

The Nusra Front has long been one of the strongest factions in Syria's opposition. It and other Syrian rebels, including some allied to it, hold most of the northwestern province of Idlib and parts of neighboring Aleppo province. When Russia and the United States brokered a cease-fire between Assad and opposition forces in February, the Nusra Front and IS were excluded, allowing Assad's troops and Russian and American airstrikes to continue to hit them. The hope in Washington and Moscow was that other rebel factions would shun both extremist groups.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

Luxurious Lexus RX

makes cheaper NX look bad in comparison

By CHARLES FLEMING
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TNS

Lexus has done exceedingly well with its utility vehicle line, a family of four models that includes the brand's top-selling vehicle – the Lexus RX – and the 2016 version is a luscious luxury crossover.

Interested in a new Lexus SUV? Don't do what I did. Don't drive the best one first.

Lexus has done exceedingly well with its utility vehicle line, a family of four models that includes the brand's top-selling vehicle — the Lexus RX, which far outsells the most popular Lexus sedan.

The premium Toyota-owned car division sold more than 100,000 of the RX SUVs last year — twice as many as NXs sold, four times as many as GXs and many multiples more than the super-luxury LXs.

On the road, the RX feels plush and purpose-built, very good for getting around town but also extremely pleasant on the highway.

It's powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine that makes 295 horsepower and 267 pound feet of torque, which provide plenty of get-around grunt. Mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission, this engine felt effortless hopping up the hills where I live and merging into traffic on the way to and from work.

Driving modes enable fine-tuning the experience. Sport and Sport+ offer sprightlier drives, while Normal and Eco conserve fuel. Suspension choices, through the vehicle's "adaptive variable suspension" system, allow the driver to dial in maximum feel or comfort.

Even in standard modes, the handling was so light and limber that I often forgot I was driving a five-passenger SUV, with large headroom and legroom and plenty of storage space. It felt more like a mid-size sedan. Scooting around town after hours was made easier by headlamps that swivel with the turn of the steering wheel, illuminating corners as they approach.

On the open road, the luxury crossover was even more impressive. Smooth and quiet, with minimal tire and wind noise and almost no engine noise, the RX was just the prescription for an extended road trip. Even above the speed limit, even on a rough patch of pavement, it was a gentle giant.

The interior space has a bright, airy feel. Lots of glass means lots of light and good visibility. The heated and ventilated leather front seats offered excellent comfort. After several hours behind the wheel I felt like I'd just been in the car briefly. The very good sound system required some navigation, and so did the navigation system. The RX has many, many buttons, and it took me half a day of driving before I mastered basic skills like changing the SiriusXM channel.

Lexus calls this "intuitive technology," which I've come to understand means that it feels intuitive to the engineers, but might not to the user.

The 2016 RX is being advertised by Lexus as all-new. The exterior design includes a "larger, more aggressively sculpted body." The overall length has grown by almost 5 inches and the wheelbase by 2 inches, and ground clearance has increased.

The RX is available for the first time with 20-inch wheels — 18-inch is standard — which heighten its muscularity. Also new this year are the paint colors Caviar, Autumn Shimmer and Nightfall Mica. I can't imagine how those colors would actually look, but don't they sound delicious?

The changes in exterior dimensions create more space inside. The seats have been dropped slightly to create more headroom. The storage spaces are bigger. The rear seats have been improved to the level of the flagship LS sedan, and they recline.

Lexus also describes its new interior as "futuristic." But some of the electronics are pretty futuristic too. The effective head-up display will show, depending on operator selection, speed, speed limit, tachometer, compass and other things.

And a Big Brotherly monitoring system is keeping an eye on the driver too. At one point on a longer drive, a message on the dashboard asked me, "Would you like to take a rest?" and an icon representing a steaming cup of coffee appeared. Was I getting drowsy? Had I nodded off? How the did car know that?

Lexus explains that this is a new feature called "sway warning." The car is sophisticated enough to detect driving behavior that is deteriorating due to "drowsiness, inattention or distraction." The system steps in and asks the driver whether it's time for a little break.

In retrospect, I wish I'd driven the Lexus NX before the new RX. I would have been that much more impressed with the higher-grade SUV, and probably would have liked the lesser vehicle just fine.

Instead, I spent a week in the sumptuous, futuristic RX, which starts at $50,075, and then got into its little brother, which starts at $40,670.

By comparison, the NX feels underpowered and weak. Its 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine puts out 100 less horsepower than the RX, on a vehicle that is only about 250 pounds lighter.

It wasn't as quiet and didn't feel as sturdy on the road. Although it's 10 inches shorter in length and 3 inches lower in height, it felt more top heavy.

It was fitted with seats that, like those in the RX, were highly adjustable and very comfortable, and were heated and ventilated. They also slide back electronically when the car is turned off, to allow for easier exit, and then resume their proper positions when the car is started again.

The NX also included a wireless phone charger in the center console. Like all wireless phone chargers in cars, it is not compatible with my iPhone, but this is still a forward-looking feature that will probably be standard in all automobiles soon.

On the other hand, the NX was outfitted with a small mouse pad, also in the center console, designed for easier operation of the entertainment and navigation systems. Even after several days in the car, I never got the feel for it, and found my eyes leaving the road often to try to follow the weirdly fluid cursor as it danced around trying to find what I was looking for.

The version I drove was a hybrid, which had pluses and minuses. Around town, being driven fairly aggressively, the NX easily averaged 30 miles per gallon. On the other hand, it switched from electric to gas drivetrains like someone waking up grumpy from a nap. (The RX can also be had in a hybrid drivetrain version.)

I probably would have liked the NX just fine, on its own merits, had I driven it first — or driven it several months after its more luxurious sibling.

But I had been spoiled by the RX, and the NX suffered unfairly for that.

UNDER THE HOOD:

Van can't pass emissions

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Q: I have a 2001 Chrysler Town & Country with a 3.3-liter V-6 engine that's been experiencing some issues with its oxygen heater sensor.

The car has 65,000 miles on it and is otherwise in great condition. My problem began last October when I first tried to renew my auto registration at the local test station. After the vehicle failed the oxygen sensor heater part of the test, the mechanic suggested that I put 50 miles (then 100 miles) on the car and try again. Since then, I have put more than 1,200 miles on the car but have seen no difference. The mechanic finally referred me to a local smog repair station. They verified the failed test result. I asked them if a new oxygen sensor would fix the problem, and they said probably not. They asked me if I had recently replaced the battery. I did replace it but did so almost two years ago. The smog shop is stymied and suggested that I contact you. I have paid the DMV for the renewal but have been unable to pass the test. I appreciate your help in keeping this great car legal and on the road.

-- Ken Snowdon

A: This is a strange one! In order for a modern vehicle to pass an emissions test it must show evidence that the onboard diagnostics system has run all of its approximately six systems tests (referred to as monitors) without any indicated faults. "System readiness," meaning all monitors have run to completion, can be difficult to achieve on certain vehicles due to driving conditions, climate, elevation, and quirky criteria, after the monitors have been reset to incomplete due to codes being cleared or a battery disconnect. A faulty oxygen sensor heater (contained within the oxygen sensor) would not cause the monitor to fail to run. A failed oxygen sensor heater would be evident after the monitor had run to completion by an illuminated check engine light and a P0135 or similar diagnostic trouble code, depending on which sensor was faulty.

Your two oxygen sensor heaters are typically pretty easy for a vehicle to check. If there are no issues with the engine thermostat or warm-up time, it's clear with over 1,200 miles of driving and no sign-off, the monitor simply isn't going to run! During an additional communication you mentioned the powertrain control module had been reflashed (operating software replaced with a newer version) by the dealer about a year ago. My hunch is there may have been a hiccup in this process and it might need to be repeated.

California has a smog program (800-622-7733) that can help with a variety of emissions certification snafus. If a monitor cannot be made to run and the following steps have been performed, a waiver may be considered for one biannual inspection. Prior to the state's program intervention these must occur: A documented smog test failure and these procedures performed and documented by the manufacturer's dealer: all diagnosis and repairs that have been attempted, drive cycles have been attempted, all relative technical service bulletins and/or updates have been performed, and manufacturer technical support has been contacted on the readiness monitor problem.

My recommendation is to head back to your dealer and have them perform the needed inspections.

Life & Style

Asia Brands opens Saipan chapter

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Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and members of Asia Brands and Imperial Pacific gather together Saturday evening to applaud the unveiling of the Asia Club Saipan Chapter. Imperial Pacific International majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie and chief services officer Tao Xing joined Asia Brands CEO Wang Jiangong in ushering the opening of its Saipan chapter which was highlighted with the staging and coronation of the 2016 Asia Brands Beauty Pageant held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscuss Hall.

Asia Brands, an organization of top-level investors, successfully established its Asia Club Saipan chapter and celebrated the event with the staging of the 11th Asia Brands Beauty Pageant, which was won by a delegate from China.

The 2016 Miss Asia Brands Beauty Pageant, held on Memorial Day weekend, saw the participation of 17 beauties from China, Ukraine, Russia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, and Slovakia.

Asia Brands is known to bringing together top brand leaders from various industries throughout Asia.

On Saipan, the staging and eventual coronation of the 2016 Miss Asia Brands Beauty Pageant highlighted Asia Club's Saipan Chapter's creation, attended and witnessed by local and international travel industry and branding executives.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Imperial Pacific International majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie were among the panel of judges.

» Miss Asia Brands crowned on Saipan; China wins

Xiao He Wu Yang from China took home the crown, while Nie Tin Ya, also from China, was second. Ekaterina Andrianova of Ukraine was third.

To celebrate the beginning of Asia Club Saipan, Asia Brands partnered with Imperial Pacific International to host the 11th Asia Brands Beauty Pageant held at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The panel of judges was made up of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Imperial Pacific-BSI majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie, Lin Xiao Ling, Wang Wei Bing, Yao Ge, and Si Rong Bing.

Xiao He Wu Yang of China was crowned 2016 Miss Asia Brands by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and an Asia Brands executive.

In his opening remarks, Torres welcomed all Asia Brands executives and the Asia Brands Beauty Pageant candidates, thanking them for choosing Saipan.

In his welcome remarks, Wang Jiangong, CEO of Asia Brands, expressed his excitement for Asia Club Saipan. He thanked Imperial Pacific International for their support and thanked the Torres and government leaders for gracing the event.

BSI chief services officer Tao Xing, in his welcoming remarks, expressed his vision for making Saipan a world-class entertainment destination in the Pacific.

Among the local elected leaders who showed up to witness both the establishment of Asia Club Saipan Chapter and the staging of the 2016 Asia Brands Beauty Pageant were Reps. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

Asia Brands has the support of many celebrities and businesses throughout Asia. The company believes that the establishment of its Saipan chapter will be a major step in introducing Asia Brands to the world.

Worth noting was how the pageant started with the one of the hosts, speaking on behalf of Asia Brands, acknowledged that the island's beauty has a potential to draw huge number of tourists. ***(PR)***

A pageant contestant strikes a pose.

Guests look on as one of the pageant contestants showcases her talent in singing.

Depp's 'Alice' bombs, 'X-Men: Apocalypse' on top with $65M

NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny Depp's "Alice Through the Looking Glass" bombed over the Memorial Day weekend with just $28.1 million through Sunday in North American theaters, while "X-Men: Apocalypse" debuted on top with an estimated $65 million.

The anticipated showdown of the two big-budget films turned out to be little contest for 20th Century Fox's latest "X-Men" installment. Both films were lambasted by critics, and neither drew the audience many expected over the holiday weekend.

Disney's "Alice Through the Looking Glass" had more than bad reviews to deal with. On Friday, as the film was hitting theaters, Amber Heard, Depp's wife, was granted a restraining order after alleging the actor previously assaulted her. She appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday with a bruise on her right cheek. Some fans called for a boycott of "Alice Through the Looking Glass."

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, said it was difficult to quantify how much the fortunes of Disney's "Alice Through the Looking Glass" turned Friday afternoon when news of Heard's allegations spread.

"I think the reviews had more to do with the film's performance than any personal drama for Depp," Dergarabedian said.

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In this image released by Twentieth Century Fox, Jennifer Lawrence, left, and Evan Peters appear in a scene from, "X-Men: Apocalypse."

Before Heard's court appearance on Friday, Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" sequel had been expected to open above $60 million. Disney estimates that the film, which cost $170 million to produce, will gross $35.6 million over the four-day weekend.

It's a staggering fall for a sequel that returned Depp—one of Hollywood's biggest stars, albeit with a recently checkered box-office history—as the Mad Hatter. "Alice in Wonderland," featuring then-novel 3-D, made more than $1 billion worldwide in 2010 after opening with $116 million domestically.

"It's a disappointing result," said Dave Hollis, distribution chief for Disney. "We have embarked on a branded tentpole strategy that makes big bets. But when you make big bets, there are times when you have results that are disappointing."

Hollis declined to speculate on the impact the allegations against Depp had on the film's opening.

It's a rare blip for Disney, which is already crossing $4 billion in ticket sales in 2016—a record pace buoyed by hits like "Zootopia," ''The Jungle Book" and "Captain America: Civil War."

The flop of "Alice" made "X-Men: Apocalypse" look comparatively steady. But the seventh "X-Men" installment opened well below the $90.8 million debut of 2014's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" or the $132.4 million bow of February's "X-Men" spinoff "Deadpool."

Still, the film, made for $178 million, has already made $185.8 million internationally. Fox had looked to keep expectations in check for the film, directed by Bryan Singer. It stars "X-Men" regulars Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence and others, but it introduces a number of newcomers, including Oscar Isaac, Tye Sheridan and Olivia Munn.

Chris Aronson, distribution head for Fox, called it not a reboot but "a readjustment" to pave the way for future installments featuring the new performers.

"I'm very pleased," Aronson said. "It's right on track with what our expectations were going in."

Overall business over the weekend, according to comScore, was up about 5 percent from Memorial Day last year when Disney's "Tomorrowland" bombed with $33 million. Boosting ticket sales were a handful of holdovers.

The family-friendly videogame adaptation "The Angry Birds Movie" grossed $18.7 million in its second weekend, good enough for third place. "Captain America: Civil War" followed with $15.1 million in its fourth weekend. (It has passed $1.1 billion globally.) And the R-rated comedy "Neighbors: Sorority Rising" came in fifth with $9.1 million in its second week.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final four-day domestic figures will be released Tuesday.

1. "**X-Men: Apocalypse**," $65 million ($55.3 million international).
2. "**Alice Through the Looking Glass**," $28.1 million ($65 million international).
3. "**The Angry Birds Movie**," $18.7 million ($31.8 million international).
4. "**Captain America: Civil War**," $15.1 million ($12.5 million international).
5. "**Neighbors: Sorority Rising**," $9.1 million ($4.5 million international).
6. "**The Jungle Book**," $7 million ($5.3 million international).
7. "**The Nice Guys**," $6.4 million ($2.8 million international).
8. "**Money Monster**," $4.3 million ($6.7 million international).
9. "Love & Friendship," $2.5 million.
10. "Zootopia," $831,000 ($4 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "**Alice Through the Looking Glass**," $65 million.
2. "**X-Men: Apocalypse**," $55.3 million.
3. "**The Angry Birds Movie**," $31.8 million.
4. "**Warcraft**," $31.6 million.
5. "**Captain America: Civil War**," $12.5 million.
6. "**Money Monster**," $6.7 million.
7. "**The Jungle Book**," $5.3 million.
8. "**The Wailing**," $5.3 million.
9. "**Neighbors: Sorority Rising**," $4.5 million.
10. "**Zootopia**," $4 million.

Connecticut focuses on developing TV and digital industry

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Once hoping to be known as Hollywood East, Connecticut is now actively courting the television and digital media industry, working to attract and grow companies that can meet the burgeoning demand for the content used across multiple platforms, from cable TV's TLC to the Internet's YouTube.

The push comes about a decade after the state had high hopes of luring major movies, considering so many actors, directors and crew already lived in the state. Connecticut created a new tax incentive program and built up a trained crew base that attracted big-name movie directors like Steven Spielberg, Barry Levinson, Sam Mendes and others to the state.

But in recent years, the state has focused more on productions that appear on much smaller screens.

"We still have films that are shooting here, but really the lion's share of the production activity in the state is split between television and digital media. It's sort of our niche. That's sort of where we hunt," said George Norfleet, director of Connecticut's Office of Film, Television and Digital Media.

Some Connecticut-based filmmakers are disappointed with the change in focus. They point to the decision to stop funding the Connecticut Film Industry Training Program, which trained workers in film and TV production from 2008 to 2012. The state originally invested $1 million in the program, hoping to help create a trained crew base. Filmmakers are also dismayed by the decision to suspend the state tax credits for feature films for two years, starting July 1, 2015. A group urged state legislators this year to exempt small productions that cost less than $2 million from the suspension.

While the provision didn't make it into the final budget deal this year, it will likely be resurrected in the next legislative session.

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In this Nov. 3, 2015 file photo, Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw, right, sits with Maryland head coach Brenda Frese for a live interview with sportscaster David Lloyd, left, on SportsCenter at ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

"The new language ensures that these smaller films will be made mainly by Connecticut residents and that will keep Connecticut's film industry growing," Wallingford film producer and director A.D. Calvo, owner of Goodnight Film, LLC, told state lawmakers in March. "These smaller films serve as incubators for a thriving workforce, a workforce that will attract larger budget, studio-level, film and television projects."

Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Catherine Smith said the state has tried to "shift away from short-term gains" and encourage studios to be established here, making them part of "our entire economic industry base."

She and Norfleet point to the growth of ESPN, World Wrestling Entertainment, NBC Sports and NBCUniversal, which tapes Maury and the Jerry Springer Show at the Stamford Media Production Center, as examples of some bigger successes for Connecticut. The state is also now home to Blue Sky Studios, the digital animation studio in Greenwich.

Connecticut is also working with smaller companies that produce varied programming such as television cooking shows, infomercials, video games for cell phones, audio books, online action movies and parodies, and even 3D animated science videos used by pharmaceutical and biotech companies. In April, Connecticut's film office co-sponsored the inaugural Tribeca Digital Creators Market in New York City. The event was billed as the first marketplace for digital and online content, where creators could connect with buyers, producers and agents.

At that event, Connecticut highlighted the tax credit program, which provided $91.5 million in tax credits to 36 production companies that spent an estimated $348 million in fiscal year 2015 in the state on qualified digital and TV productions. The credit covers up to 30 percent of what's spent in Connecticut, ranging from salaries to rental equipment.

The film office has also refocused its job training efforts on digital media production. This summer will mark the second year of The Digital Media CT, a training program the office developed with the University of Connecticut's Stamford campus.

James Amann was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 2007 when the effort to grow both the film and digital media industries began. While he's happy with the state's progress made with the digital industry, he says Connecticut "fell very short" on continuing to bring movies to the state.

Now a lobbyist, Amann represents about 900 small filmmakers. He said one could someday open a studio and "be the next big deal."

"There was a bridge built," he said. "But unfortunately, one lane has been completed on the digital end. But the other lane is sitting dormant in mothballs."

Johnny Depp's daughter defends him after abuse allegations

AP

In this May 14, 2016 file photo, actress Lily-Rose Depp poses during portraits for the film La Danseuse (The Dancer) at the 69th international film festival, Cannes, southern France.

NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny Depp's 17-year-old daughter has defended him after his wife raised allegations of domestic abuse.

In an Instagram post Sunday, Lily-Rose Depp calls her father "the sweetest most loving person I know." She didn't specifically reference the allegations but says Depp has "been nothing but a wonderful father to my little brother and I, and everyone who knows him would say the same."

Depp's wife, Amber Heard, is divorcing him. On Friday, she said in a Los Angeles court that Depp had been physically and emotionally abusive throughout "the entirety of our relationship." She appeared with a bruise on her right cheek.

A judge barred Depp from contacting Heard until a June 17 hearing.

Lily-Rose Depp is an actress and model. Her mother is Vanessa Paradis, Johnny Depp's former partner.

Spanish court rules not to extradite suspect in art fraud

MADRID (AP)—A Spanish court has ruled that one of two brothers charged with perpetrating an art swindle valued at $33 million should not be extradited for trial in the United States.

Spain's National Court cited health reasons for deciding to halt the extradition of Jose Bergantinos Diaz, 60, who was arrested in April 2014 on a warrant issued by a New York district court. He is wanted, along with his brother Jesus Bergantinos Diaz, for passing-off fake art as the work of renowned painters such as Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko . The court has already ruled that Jesus Bergantinos Diaz can be extradited.

The Bergantinos Diaz brothers are charged in the U.S. alongside Pei Shen Qian, the Chinese artist who allegedly painted the works in New York then fled to China.

Lady Gaga lays down her latest track at Indy speedway

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Already a regular singing partner with Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga found another golden oldie chart topper to pair with: Mario Andretti.

Gaga was at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the 100th running of the Indy 500 on Sunday, though she kept a fairly low profile, dressed down in jean shorts with her hair pulled back in a tight ponytail.

Gaga and 1969 Indy 500 winner Andretti rolled onto the track with the field of 33 drivers before Sunday's race in a custom-built, two-seat Indy car. Gaga was a late substitute for country star Keith Urban, who was unable to participate after injuring his back.

Gaga gave Andretti and team owner Michael Andretti kisses on the cheek before the start of the race.

"Travel to any corner of the globe and people know exactly who Lady Gaga is," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Doug Boles said.

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Lady Gaga watches the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 auto race from the pit area at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Italian theater actor, director Giorgio Albertazzi dies

ROME (AP)—Giorgio Albertazzi, a theater and film actor and director famed especially for playing, well into old age, the emperor's role based on "Memories of Hadrian," died Saturday in his native Tuscany.

Albertazzi

His family and Italian Premier Matteo Renzi's office announced the 92-year-old's death, with the Italian leader hailing him as a "great personality our culture." President Sergio Mattarella described Albertazzi, who was known for his good looks, as a "maestro to generations" of directors and actors.

On stage, often in Shakespeare's plays, Albertazzi worked with some of Italy's most celebrated directors, including Luchino Visconti, for whom he debuted in 1949, and Franco Zeffirelli.

He was most identified with a role he played more than 1,000 times and into his 90s in Italy and abroad—that of Hadrian, drawing on Marguerite Yourcenar's popular book. Albertazzi first played the role when he was 66, in 1989, and would later say he identified much of himself with it, especially the process of growing old.

"Doing it, I also speak of myself," Albertazzi said when he was 90. "After all, I feel—a lot—the end of beauty that is consumed, that runs through the text, that seizes the moment in which the harmony of body and mind breaks and enters in conflict."

Among his noted Shakespeare roles were Othello, Henry IV and Hamlet, including an acclaimed performance as the latter at London's Old Vic theater in 1964.

"He was the greatest Italian actor," said Gigi Proietti, who directed Albertazzi in "Falstaff." ''The public knew that very well, and perhaps he, too, was conscious of having the task of being the last of the greats" of the 1900s.

"But always with the desire to experiment, never to be obvious," Proietti told the Italian news agency ANSA. "Directing Albertazzi? It was like playing a Stradivarius."

New York City's storied Four Seasons restaurant relocating

NEW YORK (AP)—A restaurant considered by many to be New York City's original power lunch spot has found a new location.

The Four Seasons has been a favorite of celebrities and business titans since it opened in the landmark Seagram Building in 1959. It is scheduled to close in July. The building's owner said last year he was not renewing the lease.

Restaurant owners Alex von Bidder and Julian Niccolini said Saturday they are relocating the restaurant to 280 Park Ave., an office tower on Manhattan's East Side. An 18-month renovation of the space will begin next week.

The space in the Seagram will be leased to a team that's opened several trendy downtown eateries.

Gay man doesn't welcome attention from female friend

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 51-year-old gay male. I have a sweet, dear friend I'll call "Samantha" who is slightly older. The problem is, she wants more than friendship. She insists on spending time with me and calls me daily. She hugs me repeatedly when she goes to leave, and kisses my neck or cheek—whichever she can get to.

Samantha has touched me in a way that makes me uncomfortable. She places herself so her body touches my hand or arm. When she does, I quickly remove it. She says I remind her of her brother, but I'm not feeling a sibling relationship here. She invites herself over and gets mad if I tell her I have other plans.

I don't think I should have to discuss my orientation with anyone—including her. It is my personal business. I have never done anything to make Samantha think I have an interest in her. I have spoken to her and made it clear that I'm not interested in a relationship with her. I have told her not to stop by without calling first. If she calls and I don't answer, she still shows up at my door saying she called. What can I do?

END OF MY ROPE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR END OF YOUR ROPE: You have two choices. Because she is a "dear friend," the first would be to make an exception in Samantha's case and level with her about the fact that you're homosexual and have no interest in a close relationship with any female because you relate better to men. During this truth session you should also say that her demonstrations of affection and apparent need for emotional and physical closeness make you uncomfortable. (It's surprising she hasn't picked up on it by now because of your body language.)

The alternative is to end this friendship without giving her an explanation. Either way, expect Samantha to be hurt and disappointed, but if you explain that being gay is simply part of who you are and has no bearing on her, she may be less so.

DEAR ABBY: The year I graduated from high school I witnessed a horrific car accident that claimed the lives of five of my classmates. Since then, I have been involved in two accidents (I was in the passenger seat both times) and a number of close calls. This has caused me to develop extreme anxiety about driving—both as the driver and as a passenger.

I work 50 miles from where I live. Every day is stressful because of the drive. Moving is not an option. Is there anything I can do to help my anxiety?

TOO MANY CLOSE CALLS

DEAR TOO MANY: Treatment for your problem is available. Consult your physician and ask for a referral to a psychologist who specializes in patients who suffer from phobias.

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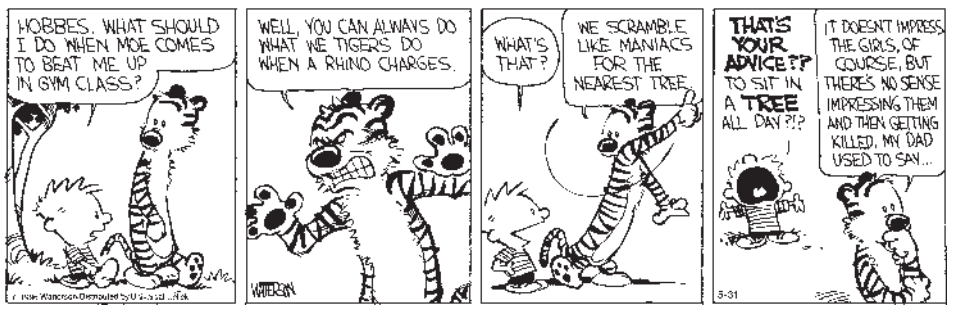
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HOBBES, WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MOE COMES TO BEAT ME UP IN GYM CLASS?
WELL, YOU CAN ALWAYS DO WHAT WE TIGERS DO WHEN A RHINO CHARGES.
WHAT'S THAT?
WE SCRAMBLE LIKE MANIACS FOR THE NEAREST TREE.
THAT'S YOUR ADVICE?! TO SIT IN A TREE ALL DAY?!?
IT DOESN'T IMPRESS THE GIRLS, OF COURSE, BUT THERE'S NO SENSE IMPRESSING THEM AND THEN GETTING KILLED. MY DAD USED TO SAY...

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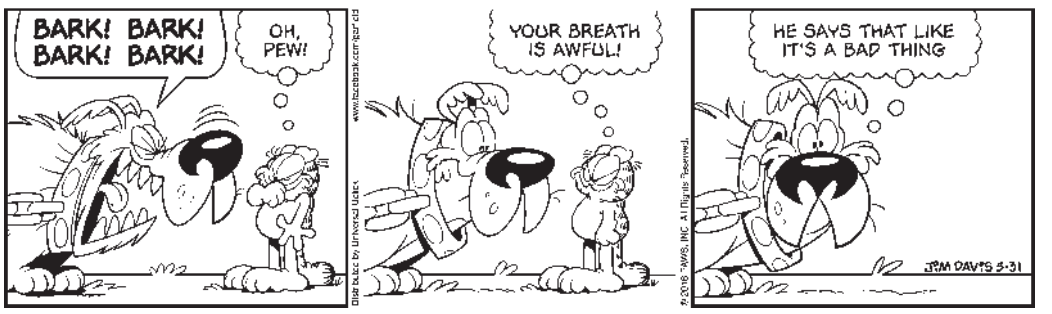
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

CAN I BE A MAKEUP GUY WHEN I GROW UP?
UM...OKAY. BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT TOO MUCH LOOKS TACKY.
WHAT? NO!! SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKEUP!! "WALKING DEAD" TYPE STUFF!!
OH! OH, SURE! OF COURSE!
INSTEAD OF "CHILDHOOD," THEY SHOULD CALL THIS "PRE-THERAPY."

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cornfield intruder
5 Wild guess
9 Pigs' digs
12 Gumbo need
13 Lima's land
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15 Winter foot warmers
17 Music booster
18 Pixels
19 Broadway flops
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24 Sow's mate
25 "It's — real!"
26 Lincoln's bride
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31 Company emblems
32 Prompt
33 Baby frogs
35 Distort
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38 Turned to ice
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42 Fond du —
43 Nowheresville
48 Pen filler
49 One
50 Incite
51 QBs' goals
52 Pantheon members
53 Toothpaste holder

DOWN
1 Farm female
2 "Top Hat" studio
3 Spanish gold
4 Thoreau's pond
5 Espy
6 Sleuths
7 Noah's craft
8 Bistro workers
9 Irish clovers
10 Mausoleum
11 Shrill barks
16 Junior
20 Granola grain
21 Help a hood
22 — good example
23 Wrestling holds
24 Family biz abbr.
26 Holy —
27 Bio stat
28 Pair's air
29 Morning droplets
31 Disney's Herbie, with "the"
34 Dispensed candy
35 Didn't dance
37 "Acid"
38 Move like a butterfly
39 McNally partner
40 Nullify
41 Picnic invaders
44 Lennon's lady
45 French vineyard
46 USSR spy org.
47 Observe

Solution time: 22 mins.

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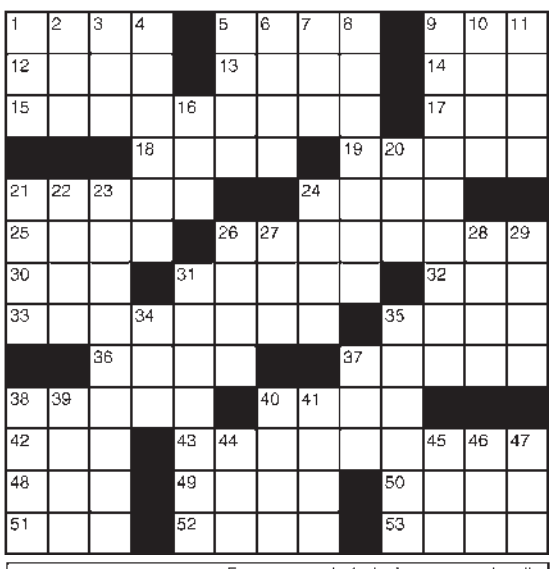
Yesterday's answer 5-31



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Colin Farrell, 40; Brooke Shields, 51; Tom Berenger, 67; Clint Eastwood, 86.

Happy Birthday: Follow your heart. Your relationships will have to be evaluated and ground rules put in place if you want to avoid being taken for granted. It's up to you to speak up and call the shots if you don't want to continually end up being the one who takes on the brunt of the work. Put yourself first. Your numbers are 9, 11, 17, 21, 28, 35, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your emotions will desperately need an outlet. Make plans to stay active and out of trouble. If you work on your appearance, educational pursuits and personal finances, you will benefit from the added emotional energy brewing within. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Express yourself and present what you have to offer. Jump into the spotlight and you will make an interesting connection with someone who offers a unique perspective. Distinguish yourself from others. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Your people skills will be put to the test. Don't let anyone goad you into something that has no merit. Trust in yourself and stick to your beliefs. You are in a make-it-or-break-it situation that must be handled delicately. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Emotional confusion will be the enemy. Stay focused on your creative dreams and improving your important relationships and your home environment. Try to help the ones you love without spoiling them. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Spread your time evenly between friends, family and your professional responsibilities. You have the stamina and discipline to get things done, but not everyone will agree with how you set your priorities. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): A positive change to your financial situation is apparent if you adjust some of your personal documents, investments or assets to better deal with the current economic climate. Don't let anyone hinder your decisions. Protect against physical injury or illness. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll learn from the encounters you have with others. Try something that is physically challenging. It's important to get involved in activities or events that will motivate you to get in to tip-top shape. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll attract interest with your unusual pursuits and ways of doing things. Making changes to your lifestyle or the way you earn your living will allow you to make improvements in your relationships with others. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick close to home, take care of your responsibilities and tend to the needs of the young and old in your life. It's important not to let anyone manipulate you, but offer constructive help if possible. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Listen, and assess your situation. There is money to be made if you are willing to look at some offbeat investments. Making alterations to your living quarters will pay off. Don't let an old lover interfere in your life. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stick to what you do best. You'll find a way to use your skills in a unique way that will attract positive attention. Romance is in the stars and will help bring you closer to someone special. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Use caution when operating equipment or undertaking a physical challenge. Avoid taking on too much. Don't let demanding people inconvenience you. Use your intelligence and be clear about what you will and will not do. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are unpredictable and innovative. You are witty, insightful and animated.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/31

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	5	2	6	3	7	8	9	1
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1	8	9	4	5	2	6	7	3
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5	2	7	3	1	6	9	8	4

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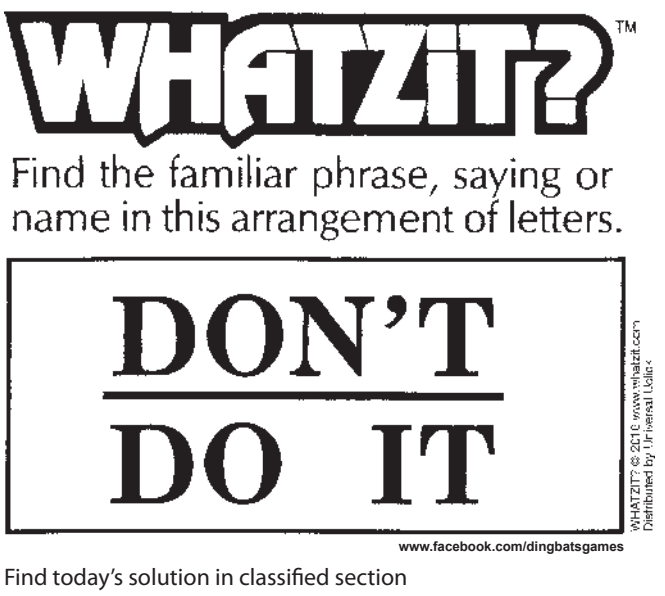

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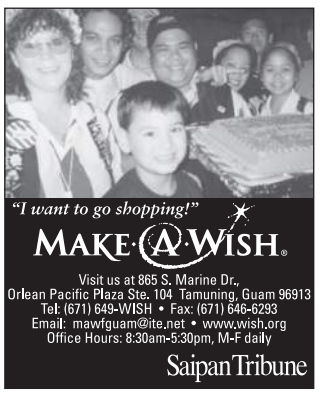
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1 Scuba Diving Instructor, $6.05/hr. Min. 5 years exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel. 235-2320

1 Supervisor: $1,200-$1,300/mo. College degree and at least 3 years' experience as a supervisor in a grocery store required. Email resume to dolim@hanmisaipan.com.

2 Automotive Mechanic (Radiator): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least five years of experience, and specialty in radiator repair required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

1 Restaurant Manager (Korean cuisine): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' managerial experience in a restaurant specializing in Korean cuisine required. Email resume to kl@hanmisaipan.com.

1 Store Manager: $1,200-$1,300/mo. At least 2 years of experience as a clothing store manager is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required. Email resume to treasure@hanmisaipan.com.

2 Waiter/Waitress: $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' experience required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

G4S

Job Vacancy Announcement

- **Security Officers (25)**
- **Lifeguards (5)**
- **IT Administrator (1)**
- **Operations Supervisor (1)**

Submit applications, police clearance, and copy of certification at G4S Office located at Beach Road Ladera Building, Chalan Lau-lau. For more information call (670) 233-3238/39 or email at cnmi@gu.g4s.com
www.g4s.mp

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY: G4S is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Employer and observes all federal employment opportunity regulations, practices and policies. Federal Law requires presentation of proof of identity and eligibility to work in the United States. We comply with this law on a nondiscriminatory basis. Must be 18 years or older and must be able to speak, read and write English. Open to all qualified U.S. Workers without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex citizenship and is in compliance with Title II of the Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA). This job is open to all U.S. Veterans, Persons with Disabilities and Women In Non-traditional occupations that are qualified, willing, able and available to perform the job.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(2) Sewing Machine Operator – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

(2) Accounting Clerk – At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(1) Store Keeper – At least High School Graduate and with 2 yrs. experience. Trustworthy and willing to work flexible time

(1) Inventory Clerk – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Submit Applications To:
Pam Pacific Enterprises Corp. *dba* **Pena House Boutique/Iridescent Boutique**
Tel. (670)235-7270

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Maintenance – At least high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Graphic Artist – Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. Minimum of 5 yrs. experience as Graphic Artist. Proficient in Illustrator/Photoshop CS5.

(1) Accounting Clerk – At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(4) Screen Printer – At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.

(1) Multi Task - Graphic Designer/Screen Printer – At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines and work related experience.

Submit Applications To:
Saipan Apparel Printing, LLC. Tel. 235-1680

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AM MACHINE SHOP

(2) Machinist

At least 3 years experience
Knowledgeable in Modifying and Fabrication of parts

Contact Person: Adonis Santos
Contact No.: 323-2916

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Aquaville Inc. need:

(1) Sales Advertising Agent

Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-2916

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Blue Star Corporation need:

(1) Tour Coordinator

Can speak Korean and English
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-1259

CHINESE GOODS INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 – COOK
- Minimum of 2 years work related experience
- Knowledgeable in Chinese cuisine
- Able to work flexible work hours/schedule

3 – WAITERS/WAITRESS
- Must have at least 3 years' work experience. Preferably someone who speaks Chinese language. Flexible hours.

Mail resume to P.O. Box 502351, Saipan MP 96950

UNDERWATER ADVENTURES, LLC.

Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager

Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking)

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to edwardcalvo@gmail.com

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United Brothers Inc.

Is looking for the following:

- Auto Mechanic (3)
- Painter (3)
- Body Repairer (3)
- Machinist (3)
- H.E. Operator (3)

Minimum of 5 years experience.
Call 323-1328 for inquiries.

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 05/24/16 **Closing Date: 06/13/16***

JVA#15-007: **Marketing Specialist I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 – $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-008: **Community Projects Coordinator I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 - $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-010: **Procurement Officer**
Annual Salary: $24,889.35 - $31,757.68**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-012: **Tour Guide Certification Manager**
Annual Salary: $30,000.00 - $40,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#16-001: **Tradesman**
Annual Salary: $11,278.940 - $14,388.82
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian

JVA#16-002: **Special Assistant to the Managing Director**
Annual Salary: $25,000.00 - $30,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

Saipan Adventures, Inc.

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

(3) Customer Service Specialist
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (2) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

(1) Customer Service Agent
High School Diploma or equivalent with at least two (2) months work experience in travel/tour operation or sales or service based work environment, room reservations and vendor relations. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may send their applications to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than June 10, 2016. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

CHONG'S CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Six (6) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certifications required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
- Establish and coordinate maintenance and safety procedures, service schedule and supply of materials required to maintain equipment
- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- Must possess good communication skill

Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products & equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- Knowledgeable of HVAC-R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 3-year work experience required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-026

Opening Date: Thursday, May 19, 2016
Closing Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2016

Maintenance Worker

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Management Analyst or designee. Performs routine preventative and general maintenance of buildings, grounds, equipment and systems in accordance with safety procedures and safe work practices. Maintains cleanliness of facilities including sweeping, mopping, buffing and vacuuming floors and carpets; cleans surfaces including doors, windows and work surfaces; dusts shelving and equipment; performs custodial duties; and collects and disposes trash. Performs basic building maintenance; replaces light bulbs; performs basic repairs such as door knob replacement, blower fan repair, and other routine equipment repairs; maintains order with equipment, furnishings, work areas and supplies. Notifies appropriate resource for advanced troubleshooting or repair work. Performs basic grounds keeping and facilities maintenance; inspects areas to maintain safety and eliminate general hazards. Reviews supply needs and replenishes supply stock such as tissue, paper towels, trash liners and other supply needs; moves file boxes or other items to storage areas; ensures proper storage of cleaning materials, equipment and tools. Performs inventory check of supplies and initiates requests for replenishment. Maintains activity records or logs. Assists skilled maintenance workers with project tasks; may assist with basic carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. Position requires the ability to lift 50 pounds or more. May be exposed to hazardous cleaning chemicals. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Administration (Dandan Office) **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $16,155.00 per annum to $19,850.00 per annum. (Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Applicable tools and equipment of assigned maintenance tasks; Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Performing routine and preventative maintenance in assigned area; Performing housekeeping or custodial work; Performing basic equipment or system repairs; Monitoring grounds and work areas for hazards and safety; Reviewing and replenishing stock supplies; Initiating stock and equipment replacement; Maintaining activity records or logs; Assisting with basic carpentry, plumbing and/or electrical work; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (3): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (2): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (4): Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (8): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

General Maintenance (3): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.
Interested applicants must apply in person, applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.
Please no phone calls.

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L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Building Cleaner (4)
High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

Accountant (4)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (2)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (3)
High school diploma or GED certificate plus 2 years experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Training & coaching experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in typing with good written and oral communication skills. Proficient in MS Office including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (3)
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in human resource, administrative and accounting. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Vice President
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with a minimum of **10 years** of professional progressive management and at least **5 years** in general management experience in property management, hotel management, and tourism & cargo business experience for Korean Market. Proficient in English & Korean languages. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (10)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Network Administration Manager
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (2)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

A pre-employment drug testing is required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 08, 2016.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, Geniisys and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan.
Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

APEX BUILDERS, INC.
Job Opening:

Administrative Assistant (1) $6.55- $7.50/hr.
Must be a high school graduate or college level with 2-5 years experience as an administrative assistant. Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.Perform general office duties, such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Know how to drive vehicle.

Accounting Technician (2) $6.55-7.50/hr.
Must be B.S. Accounting graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Must know how to prepare all CNMI taxes and licenses.Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records, filing or organize company documents.

Carpenter (5) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

Civil Engineering Technicians (1) $6.55-7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Construction Manager (1) $10.00-13.87/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Know how to plan, direct or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems.

Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (1) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks.

Truck Driver (1) $6.55 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight(GVW) for various construction materials transportation.

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builder's Inc. office located at As Perdido, Saipan, CNMI. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Apex Builder's Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Run Date: May 26, 27, 30, 31 and June 01, 2016
Closing date will be on June 02, 2016.

TAGA *Sports* is now on issuu.com/tagasports!

Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Circulations Coordinator
Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (3)
Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Managing Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Reporter (2)
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Spieth finishes strong to take Colonial title

DEAN & DELUCA INVITATIONAL

Jordan Spieth celebrates sinking a putt for a birdie on the 16th green during the final round of the Dean & DeLuca Invitational golf tournament at Colonial, Sunday, May 29, 2016, in Fort Worth, Texas. Spieth won the tournament.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Jordan Spieth found the perfect cure for his Masters misery.

With an impressive back nine at Colonial, Spieth won at home in Texas for the first time on the PGA Tour. He had three consecutive birdies after making the turn, and three more in a row to finish his 5-under 65 on Sunday, including a chip-in birdie from behind the 17th green after a fortunate bounce off a marshal.

"In our third tournament back, to come back and close this one out the way we did is really, really special," Spieth said. "This day is a moment that'll go down, no matter what happens in the next 30 years of my career, this will be one of the most important days that I've ever had."

The second-ranked Spieth punctuated his eighth career victory with a 34-foot birdie putt when he needed only a bogey to win the Dean & Deluca Invitational.

At 17-under 263, Spieth finished three strokes ahead of Harris English (66). Colonial member Ryan Palmer and Webb Simpson tied for third at 13 under, both shooting 68 in the final group with Spieth.

Last month at Augusta, Spieth blew a five-stroke lead on the back nine when trying to win the Masters for the second year in a row. There was then an extended break before he missed the cut at The Players Championship and then finished tied for 18th a week ago at the Byron Nelson before finally winning in the Lone Star State after three runner-up finishes there, including Colonial last year.

"The significance of it happening now ... because I wasn't sure how long it would take to get over the hurdle of having to come in to every single interview room, having to listen to crowds only talk about what happened a month ago," he said. "And it's very difficult, and I'm 22. It's not like I hadn't won, and we've won two majors."

He is the reigning U.S. Open champion, and will be trying to defend that title at Oakmont in three weeks.

Spieth started Sunday at Hogan's Alley with nine consecutive pars, including a 32-footer at the par-3 eighth after hitting his first shot into heavy rough.

"The nerves hit me more than I think they should have or normally would just from the start of the round today, and that's probably it," he said, referring to Masters.

There was also the guy in the gallery at No. 10 that yelled out "Remember the Masters, Jordan" and other similar comments. While Spieth wasn't sure if they were positive or negative reminders, they certainly provided some motivation.

Spieth made a curling 20-foot birdie at the 10th before a pair of short birdies, then hit a wayward tee shot at the 192-yard 13th, almost immediately pointing his 7-iron to the left and shouting "Fore!" He yanked his ball out of the bunker over the green before a chip to inside 3 feet for a bogey.

Then at 14, after hitting his drive into a fairway bunker and shouting after his approach short of the green, he saved par with a 14-footer that rolled just to the right edge before falling into the cup.

After a 20-foot birdie at the par-3 16th, Spieth hit a wayward tee shot at the 17th. The ball ricocheted off the lower leg of a marshal and avoided going into much heavier rough. Spieth signed a glove "Thanks" to the marshal, but his approach from 173 yards sailed over the green before he chipped in after relief because it landed against a temporary grandstand.

"One of the luckiest holes I've ever had personally. I hit a guy on the side on the tee ball that goes into the first cut, and then I get that drop and then chip in," he said. "If I'm anyone playing against me, I'd be pretty upset at that."

Nearly two months before his 23rd birthday, Spieth broke a tie with Tiger Woods for wins at age 22 or younger. The only player with more that young was Horton Smith with 14 from 1928-30.

With the first-prize check of $1.2 million, and a plaid jacket to go with the green one from the Masters, Spieth has earned more than $24 million on the PGA Tour.

When the final group was introduced before teeing off at No. 1, in the shadow of the Wall of Champions, the applause and cheers for Palmer were as loud as those for Spieth.

Palmer opened with consecutive birdies to go a stroke ahead of Spieth for the lead. He got to 14-under after a 12-foot birdie at No. 7, which he followed by reaching back for a hand slap with caddie James Edmondson, the four-time Colonial club champion. That was his last birdie until the 18th.

"The energy out there was spectacular," said Palmer, who had his best finish in 13 starts at Colonial. "You couldn't write a better script for sure. ... Watching what Jordan did, it shows you why he's where he's at."

Warriors know Game 7 back home for Finals trip won't be easy

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—After a record 73 wins and a memorable Game 6 comeback on the road, the Golden State Warriors' goal of getting back to the NBA Finals and defending their title comes down to Game 7 at home against the powerful Oklahoma City Thunder.

All along, the Warriors have said the numerous team milestones and personal accomplishments they set during this special season won't matter a bit unless they repeat as champions.

They need one more victory to become the 10th team to rally from a 3-1 postseason deficit.

"I've learned that our players are tough, they're mentally tough," Coach of the Year Steve Kerr said Sunday, when his team took a day off from film and practice. "I don't know if I really learned that. I already knew that. But they've firmly confirmed that. It's been a great comeback. Now we still have to play. We still have another game."

Kerr just wanted his Warriors to grab back some momentum from Kevin Durant and the Thunder. Now, they have it, all right, heading into the decisive game of the Western Conference finals Monday night after winning two straight.

When his team won Game 5 on Thursday night, MVP Stephen Curry hollered "We ain't going home!"—and Golden State wants no part of the Thunder having the last say in the Warriors' summer plans.

"We got a big one last night to stay alive, and now we've got some momentum. But it can work in reverse," Kerr said. "One game changes everything, and we've got to come out and play our game and play well to finish the series out."

Golden State hardly considers this a gimmee just because the team is playing at deafening Oracle Arena, where the Warriors have lost just three times this season. They have had their problems against Durant, Russell Westbrook and the towering Thunder.

Oklahoma City is fueled by trying to reach its first NBA Finals since losing to LeBron James and the Miami Heat in 2012. James and Cleveland are waiting on Monday's winner.

"It's going to be a hard game. If we thought tonight was hard, Game 7's going to be even tougher," Curry said. "Everybody on both sides of the ball is going to leave it all out on the floor. It's win or go home. So we can't expect just because we're at home that we can just show up and win."

As has been the case all playoffs with Curry ailing, Golden State got a huge performance from Klay Thompson. He made a playoff-record 11 3-pointers and scored 41 points in a 108-101 win at Oklahoma City on Saturday night, and will need an encore Monday.

"Lot of people probably counted us out," Thompson said.

Kerr said last week that his group might be different than the all the other teams that have tried to come back from 3-1 down: because the Warriors won it all last year.

The Thunder certainly would have preferred to close out the series at home over traveling back across the country to the Bay Area for the deciding game.

Yet they never expected it to be easy against the 2015 champs.

"This is what you dream about, getting this opportunity. We've got to take advantage of it," Durant said Sunday. "Go up into their building, and it's going to be great atmosphere. ... No matter where you play, you've still got to play. That's how we look at it."

That's partly because first-year Thunder coach Billy Donovan has talked to his team about the mentality it takes to win in a hostile venue like raucous, sold-out Oracle Arena, and Oklahoma City came in and did it in Game 1.

"We lost Game 6, and it was a tough, hard-fought game," Donovan said. "We're disappointed about not having a different outcome. But we haven't lost the series, and we have an opportunity again. I think just being around these guys, they're a resilient group."

Curry and the Warriors expect another entertaining, great game.

From an ankle injury that sidelined him in the first round against Houston to a sprained right knee and puffy elbow, Curry has dealt with his share of pain this postseason. He has to push that aside for what he hopes is one more game this series and then a second straight trip to the Finals and another championship.

"I actually kind of like it, because you understand the moment of the playoffs and just kind of gets you going," he said. "I'll be ready to go and give it everything I've got for Game 7."

Red Sox foil Blue Jays' bid for 3-game sweep

AP

Toronto Blue Jays' Devon Travis (29) gets back to first base safely under the tag of Boston Red Sox first baseman Travis Shaw during the fourth-inning baseball game action in Toronto on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

TORONTO (AP) — A tough weekend for Clay Buchholz ended with a win and an appreciative handshake from manager John Farrell.

Dustin Pedroia hit an RBI double in the 11th inning, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Boston recorded its 13th comeback victory one day after losing 10-9 on an infield single in the ninth. The Red Sox lost 7-5 Friday.

"On the heels of two really tough days up here I thought we battled back, took the lead, gave it up and kept coming," Farrell said. "I couldn't be more proud with the energy and effort."

Blake Swihart drew a one-out walk against Gavin Floyd (2-4) and moved to third when Floyd threw a wild ball four to the next batter, Mookie Betts.

Drew Storen came on to face Pedroia, who hit a ground-rule double to right-center. Pedroia went 2 for 6 with two RBI.

Xander Bogaerts followed with an RBI groundout. He went 1 for 6, extending his hitting streak to 22 games.

Removed from Boston's rotation Friday after losing his previous two starts, Buchholz (3-5) worked one inning for the win in his first relief appearance since Aug. 17, 2008.

"He handled it very well," Farrell said. "He had a good cutter, a good fastball."

Yankees 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Starlin Castro's two-run, seventh-inning homer off Jake Odorizzi was the Yankees' only hit of the game, enough to give New York a victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

According to Baseball Reference data going back to 1913, the Yankees' only other one-hit win was when Charlie Mullen had an RBI single to beat Cleveland in six innings in a doubleheader nightcap on July 10, 1914.

Dodgers 4, Mets 2

In New York, Adrian Gonzalez snapped a ninth-inning tie with a two-run single off suddenly struggling closer Jeurys Familia, and Los Angeles beat New York.

Adam Liberatore (1-0) got the win. Kenley Jansen pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save.

Orioles 6, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Hyun Soo Kim's first major league home run broke a seventh-inning tie against Jeff Manship (0-1), and Nolan Reimold added a leadoff homer in the ninth.

Chris Tillman (7-1) allowed three homers and four runs in six innings but improved to 6-0 in his last seven starts.

Nationals 10, Cardinals 2

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg (9-0) won his 12th consecutive decision dating to last season, pitching six innings of one-run ball as Washington salvaged a four-game split.

Strasburg improved to 12-0 in 15 starts since losing to the Mets on Sept. 9, and the Nationals have won all 15 of those games.

Marlins 7, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Derek Dietrich hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer and drove in four runs before getting hurt on a foul ball hit into Miami's dugout.

Dietrich's homer landed deep in the lower section of the right-field seats in the sixth, giving Miami a 3-1 lead.

Brewers 5, Reds 4

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy drove in three runs, giving him nine RBI in the series and sending Cincinnati to its 12th loss in 13 games. Jonathan Villar scored three runs and drove in another and Milwaukee won for the fifth time in six games.

Jimmy Nelson (5-3) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Royals 5, White Sox 4

In Kansas City, Cheslor Cuthbert drove in the go-ahead run with an infield hit in a three-run eighth.

Chicago wasted a 4-2 lead after failing to protect a 5-2 seventh-inning advantage on Friday and a 7-1 ninth-inning margin on Saturday.

Cubs 7, Phillies 2

In Chicago, Ben Zobrist hit a three-run homer off Vince Velasquez (5-2) for a 5-0 lead in the third as Chicago completed a three-game sweep and won its fifth straight.

John Lackey (5-2) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings, sending Philadelphia to its seventh loss in nine games.

Rangers 6, Pirates 2

In Arlington, struggling sluggers Prince Fielder and Mitch Moreland homered during a four-run fourth inning.

Martin Perez (3-4) gave up two runs in six innings and finished May with a 2.23 ERA.

Twins 5, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Joe Mauer and Miguel Sano homered for his fourth straight game and Joe Mauer for his third as Minnesota completed a three-game sweep.

Mauer and Sano hit back-to-back home runs off Taijuan Walker (2-5) into the bullpens behind left field for a 3-2 lead in the fourth.

Athletics 4, Tigers 2

In Oakland, pinch-hitter Billy Butler had a two-run single in the sixth as Oakland rallied.

A's starter Rich Hill, who left the game with an apparent left shoulder injury, went 6 1/3 innings to win his fifth straight start. Hill (8-3) gave up two runs and five hits.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 3

In Phoenix, Archie Bradley (4-5) struck out a career-high nine in 7 1/3 innings and Arizona had its second straight five-run second inning.

Recalled from Triple-A, Bradley (2-0) allowed three runs, four hits and a walk. His innings total was his big league high.

Giants 8, Rockies 3

In Denver, Hunter Pence had three of a record-tying eight doubles for San Francisco.

Pence's double in the eighth helped equal a mark accomplished four times since the Giants moved to San Francisco after the 1957 season. Denard Span hit his first homer since April 4 as part of a 17-hit attack.

Astros 8, Angels 6

In Anaheim, pinch-hitter Carlos Correa had a three-run homer off Mike Morin (1-1) in the 13th inning.

Correa got a run-scoring hit in the 13th inning for the second time in six games, following up his game-ending single against Baltimore on Tuesday.

Rogers reaches first Slam quarterfinals in Paris

PARIS (AP)—When Shelby Rogers finished last season at No. 146, she set a rather modest goal for 2016: boosting her ranking enough to gain direct entry into Grand Slam tournaments so she wouldn't need to go through qualifying rounds.

She managed to accomplish that for the French Open - but barely. At No. 108, the 23-year-old American was the last player admitted to the field at the time of the rankings cutoff last month.

Maybe it's time to aim higher, because just look at her now.

By beating a seeded player at Roland Garros for the third time in a week, Rogers reached the first major quarterfinal of her nascent career with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 25 Irina-Camelia Begu of Romania on Sunday. In the last 30 years, only five women ranked lower than Rogers have made it to the quarterfinals at the French Open.

"I keep reminding myself to play one point at a time and that this is just another tennis match. But that's getting a little bit harder to do as the rounds get farther," said the 23-year-old Rogers, who is from South Carolina.

"I have nothing to lose. I have no pressure. It's just been a great experience here, and I want to keep enjoying it and keep pushing myself," Rogers said. "I'm definitely outside of my comfort zone already, and I keep telling myself: You belong here. You belong here."

Certainly does.

She pushed Begu around the court, producing a 9-3 edge in forehand winners while using the same deep, flat groundstrokes that dictated points against her previous opponents, including No. 10 Petra Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon champion, and No. 17 Karolina Pliskova.

"I was way behind the baseline," Begu said, "and she was just controlling the game."

When it ended, Rogers dropped her racket and covered her face with both hands. Soon enough, she was crying, so much so that Rogers was handed a tissue by 2013 Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli, who conducted the on-court interview afterward.

Rogers' next test comes against No. 4 Garbine Muguruza, the 2015 Wimbledon runner-up, who will be playing in her third consecutive quarterfinal at Roland Garros after overwhelming 2009 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-4.

Two other fourth-round matches were suspended because of rain: No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. Tsvetana Pironkova, and No. 6 Simona Halep vs. 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur.

Thanks to Rogers, the United States could have multiple French Open quarterfinalists for the first time since 2004. Three other American women play in the fourth round Monday: No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 9 Venus Williams and No. 15 Madison Keys.

The last U.S. man in the draw, No. 15 John Isner, bowed out with a 7-6 (9), 6-4, 6-3 loss to No. 2 Andy Murray, now a quarterfinalist for the 20th time in his past 21 Grand Slam tournaments.

The key was the opening tiebreaker: Isner held three set points—at 6-5, 7-6 and 9-8—but failed to convert any.

"A bit deflating," Isner acknowledged.

At 6-5, Murray returned a 213 kph (132 mph) serve. Isner did not do much with a forehand reply, setting up Murray's backhand passing winner.

WHO rejects call to postpone Rio Olympics

BERLIN (AP)—The World Health Organization on Saturday rejected a call from 150 health experts to consider postponing or moving the Rio Summer Olympics due to the Zika virus in hard-hit Brazil, arguing that the shift would make no significant difference to the spread of the virus.

The U.N. health agency, which declared the spread of Zika in the Americas a global emergency in February, said in a statement there is "no public health justification" for postponing or canceling the 2016 games, which run from Aug. 5-21.

Hundreds of thousands of people from around the world are expected to travel to Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian destinations this summer to see some 10,000 athletes compete at the games.

In an open letter to the WHO director-general released Friday, experts from over two dozen countries in fields including public health, bioethics and pediatrics—among them former White House science adviser Dr. Philip Rubin—called for the Rio games to be delayed or relocated, though not canceled, "in the name of public health."

AP

In this file photo dated Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, A municipal health worker sprays insecticide in a junkyard to combat the Aedes aegypti mosquito that transmits the Zika virus, in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, Monday, Feb. 22, 2016.

Last weekend's letter cited recent scientific evidence that the Zika virus causes severe birth defects, most notably babies born with abnormally small heads. In adults, it can cause neurological problems, including a rare syndrome that can be fatal or result in temporary paralysis.

The authors also noted that despite increased efforts to wipe out the mosquitoes that spread Zika, the number of infections in Rio de Janeiro have gone up rather than down.

Several public health academics have previously warned that having so many people travel to the games in Brazil will inevitably lead to the births of more brain-damaged babies and speed up the virus' global spread.

WHO, however, said "based on current assessment, cancelling or changing the location of the 2016 Olympics will not significantly alter the international spread of Zika virus." It argued that Brazil is only one of dozens of countries where mosquitoes transmit the Zika virus and says "people continue to travel between these countries and territories for a variety of reasons."

"Based on the current assessment of the Zika virus circulating in almost 60 countries globally and 39 in the Americas, there is no public health justification for postponing or cancelling the games," it said. "WHO will continue to monitor the situation and update our advice as necessary."

The agency noted its existing advice urging pregnant women not to travel to areas with Zika transmission, among other recommendations, and says other travelers should avoid the poor, overcrowded parts of Rio.

One of the letter's authors wasn't impressed by the U.N. agency's arguments.

"The WHO's response is absolutely fanciful," said Amir Attaran, a professor at the University of Ottawa and one of the letter's authors. He called WHO's argument that Zika is already being transmitted by mosquitoes in up to 60 countries "a scientific half-truth."

"They're avoiding the question of `Is it Brazilian Zika in other countries?" he said.

Friday's letter pointed to the particularly high risks from the Zika virus strain seen in Brazil, which has by far the most Zika cases in the world and the most brain-damaged Zika babies.

WHO emergency response chief Dr. Bruce Aylward told the BBC the agency was "maintaining a careful ongoing risk assessment as new information becomes available about this disease."

"We need to do a better job, perhaps, of communicating everything that's being done," he said.

The WHO statement didn't address the concerns in Friday's letter that the U.N. health agency was rejecting alternatives to Rio because it had a conflict of interest due to its long relationship with the International Olympic Committee.

The health experts called that relationship "overly close," but the IOC dismissed that characterization, saying it "does not currently have" a memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization. The last one, it added, "outlined cooperation between the two organizations to promote physical activity to fight strokes, heart attacks, diabetes and obesity."

Not all scientists agree that the Rio Olympics pose a problem.

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Falcons drew an RBI single each from starting second baseman Angel Iguel and left fielder I.I Teigita at the bottom of the fifth inning for a 2-0 lead.

The Enforcers had little opportunities to overhaul the deficit in the last two innings, as the best they could do was moved to first on two occasions. Donovan Deleon Guerrero advanced to first as he was hit by a pitch from Dickinson at the top of the sixth, however the former was left stranded after Pedro Maratita and Dennis Cabrera flied out to right field and third base, respectively. The Enforcers leadoff batter Gloyd Martin had earlier flied out too at centerfield for the first out.

At the top of the seventh, the Enforcers were called for two quick outs as Ignacio Mendiola was beaten to first and Dickinson caught a fly from Chris Achas. Dickinson then walked Daren Taitingfong, giving the Enforcers a break, however the former made up for his lapses in the ensuing play as he struck out Sean Rabauliman to end the game and hand the Falcons the first finals ticket.

The finals will be played this Sunday with the Falcons still have to wait for their opponents. The Enforcers, despite the loss, still have a chance to advance provided they will win against the victor of the Red Sox-Braves playoff game, which was also played yesterday afternoon, but results were unavailable at press time.

The Junior League division and the two other categories (Senior and Big League) are using a page playoff system with the Top 2 finishers in the regular season battling for the first finals berth. The loser will then collide against the winner between the No. 3 and 4-ranked teams for the last finals spot. The remaining finals ticket will be up for grabs in this Saturday's playoff match.

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suke's younger brother Jinnosuke and Salofi Welch finished fourth and fifth overall with the former submitting 34:11 against the latter's 34:40.

Angel Marie Tan was sixth overall, but the first female out of the water after logging 34:55. Last year's top female finisher Victoria Chentsova, who is on a short vacation on Saipan, came in behind Tan after recording 35:18, which was better than her 2015 winning time (38:31). David Boyer (36:06), Jinju Thompson (38:26), and Taiyo Akimaru (44:55) rounded out the Top 10.

The crossing from Saipan's famous island to Micro Beach started at 6am with registration beginning at 5am at Charley Dock. SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield then briefed participants, which included five first-time "escapees" and seven lifeguards from World Resort.

"Thank you to Eddie Johnson and the lifeguards from World Resort, stand up paddlers, kayakers, and DPS who helped to make this event a safe open water swim. Thank you too to SSC parents who worked tirelessly during the event, greeting swimmers on shore with snacks and drinks and ending the event with raffles to send the swimmers home with gifts," SSC official Carol Lynn Pierce said in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Pierce was also among the finishers in last Saturday's crossing, completing the course under one hour with her 53.10. Erin Kelle, the oldest participant in the event at 62, broke the one-hour barrier, too with his 56:11, while the youngest swimmer in the field—the 8-year-old Dino Sato—also made it to the shore in less than an hour after clocking in at 52:34

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digit spread, 34-24. Edmund started the rally with a layup off a pass from older brother Ignacio, while N-nes knocked in back-to-back jumpers. Edmund then had its own string of points off a triple and another layup, while Kagman's lone field goal in the nearly five-minute letdown came from Mel Sakisat's deuce.

Roke Tenorio made two straight baskets after he reported to the game, while Andrew Palino had his first basket in the second half to slice the deficit to 4, 30-34. However, the Ol'Aces had a 9-4 windup off a triple from Greg Sablan, two field goals from Napu Atalig, and one from Siech to keep their safe distance, 43-34, entering the final canto.

The Ol'Aces managed to protect their lead in the fourth quarter, but were a bit threatened with less than two minutes left in the match as Kagman trimmed the deficit down to 5, 42-47, after Dizon Magofna knocked in a banked triple from the right key. A miss from the Ol'Aces gave Kagman a chance to move closer, but Sakisat took a hurried triple and muffed the shot.

Two straight baskets from Atalig sealed the win for the Ol'Aces with less than a minute remaining in the match, while Kagman faltered on two more 3-point attempts and made only a two-pointer off Tenorio's layup. Ignacio Borja then put the exclamation point on the Ol'Aces title win, beating the buzzer as he tapped the board while going for a layup.

Atalig top-scored in the finals with his 16 points while the Borja brothers combined for 23 with Ignacio tallying 12 and Edmund adding 11. Siech also finished in double figures with his 10, while Sakisat led Kagman with his 13.

Meanwhile, Rollers Blue settled for the third place honors after downing the 670 Sonics in last Friday's consolation match, 64-60.

Aaron Ogumoro paced Rollers Blue with his 23 points, while Jun Alipio, Angelo Factor, and Jude Tengco tallied twin digits too with 13, 12, and 10 markers, respectively. Djay Ong had 13 markers to lead the Sonics.

Finals

Ol'Aces 53 — Atalig 16, I. Borja 12, E. Borja 11, Siech 10, Sablan 4.

Kagman 44 — Sakisat 13, Tenorio 12, Palino 8, Magofna 5, Jones 4, Muna 2.

Consolation

Rollers Blue 64 — Ogumoro 23, Alipio 13, Factor 12, Tengco 10, Babauta 2, Cobacha 2, Mendoza 2.

670 Sonics 60 — Ong 17, Fidelino 12, Kintaro 11, Rios 10, De Guzman 7, Castro 3.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	20	.600	—
Baltimore	28	20	.583	1
Toronto	26	26	.500	5
New York	24	25	.490	5½
Tampa Bay	22	26	.458	7

Central Division

Kansas City	27	22	.551	—
Cleveland	26	22	.542	½
Chicago	27	24	.529	1
Detroit	24	25	.490	3
Minnesota	15	34	.306	12

West Division

Texas	29	21	.580	—
Seattle	28	21	.571	½
Los Angeles	22	28	.440	7
Oakland	22	29	.431	7½
Houston	22	29	.431	7½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	30	21	.588	—
New York	28	21	.571	1
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	3½
Miami	26	24	.520	3½
Atlanta	14	35	.286	15

Central Division

Chicago	34	14	.708	—
Pittsburgh	28	21	.571	6½
St. Louis	26	25	.510	9½
Milwaukee	23	27	.460	12
Cincinnati	16	34	.320	19

West Division

San Francisco	32	20	.615	—
Los Angeles	27	24	.529	4½
Colorado	23	26	.469	7½
Arizona	23	29	.442	9
San Diego	20	31	.392	11½

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2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships Winners

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

William S. Reyes' Kiyana Karki poses with her trophy presented by McDonald's Saipan owner and operator Marcia Ayuyu during a brief awards ceremony for the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships. Karki topped the girls U7 age group.

Boys U7 overall champion Moshe Sikkel of Brilliant Star School is all smiles after getting his trophy from McDonald's Saipan store manager Joe Ayuyu Jr.

Koblerville Elementary School's Becky Walter proudly shows her girls U8 championship trophy.

Boys U15 champion Terrence Babauta of Hopwood Junior High School poses with his trophy after receiving it from McDonald's Saipan store manager Joe Ayuyu Jr.

Boys U9 champion Skymark Defang of Koblerville Elementary School is joined by McDonald's Saipan store manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. for a photo.

Boys U13 champion Rintaro Miyawaki shows his trophy.

Girls U15 champion Jamie Pangelinan of Dandan Middle School smiles for the camera.

Girls U11 champion Ashley De Courteney of Whispering Palms is flanked by McDonald's Saipan store manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., left, and McDonald's Saipan owner and operator Marcia Ayuyu.

Boys U18 champion Zachariah Hofschneider of Tinian Junior and Senior High School is joined by, from left, McDonald's Saipan store manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong, and McDonald's Saipan owner and operator Marcia Ayuyu.

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Ol'Aces beat Kagman in U18 finals

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The Ol'Aces were crowned champions in the U18 division of the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League following a 53-44 victory against the Kagman Riserz yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Greg Iginoef and Preston Basa-coached Ol'Aces began controlling the winner-take-all finale early in the third quarter and held on against Kagman's repeated rallies to complete an upset in the playoffs. The fifth-ranked Ol'Aces won the division crown by stunning their higher seeded foes, beginning with their 87-84 triumph over the fourth-ranked Rollers White and followed by their 72-55 victory over the No. 1 seed 670 Sonics in the semifinals.

In the finals, the Ol'Aces were pitted against the second-seeded Kagman Rizers and the opposing teams engaged in a close fight in the majority of the first half before the eventual champions gained momentum in the third period.

The Ol'Aces were clinging to a 23-22 with less than two minutes gone by in the third when Edmund Borja and N-nes Siech teamed up in an 11-2 scoring spurt to lift their team to their first double-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Ol'Aces' Edmund Borja pulls up for a one-hander against Kagman Riserz's Mike Muna during the third quarter of their title game in the U18 division of the Diaz youth caging yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Falcons take first finals seat

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Falcons' Spencer Dickinson attempts to run from third base to home plate during the bottom of the third inning of their tiebreak game for the pennant against the Enforcers in the Junior League division of the SLLB last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Falcons moved into the finals of the Junior League division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball after outclassing Kagman Enforcers in a low scoring semis game, 2-0, yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Spencer Dickinson again starred in the Falcons' second straight win against the Enforcers, pitching in no relief in seven innings and throwing a three-hitter. Dickinson during the tiebreak game for the pennant last Sunday hit a two-RBI single at the bottom of the third inning to give the Falcons enough cushion and then closed out for the eventual pennant champions, foiling the Enforcers' comeback bid late in the game.

In their face-off anew for the first finals berth, Dickinson this time worked the mound for the Falcons and shutdown the Enforcers. He fanned out six batters, walked only two, and had one hit by pitch.

On the offensive end, the

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46 complete Escape from Managaha

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Forty-six swimmers made the successful cross from Managaha to Micro Beach last Saturday.

Kento Akimaru of Saipan Swim Club, which hosted the 13th Annual Escape from Managaha, led the finishers of the 2.4-kilometer course after clocking in at 33.25 seconds—nearly five minutes faster than his 2016 winning time (38:06).

Majority of the swimmers had cruise control as water condition was relatively fine and participants' feasted their eyes on the beauty of the clear waters along the course, spotting eagle rays, a shark, and a juvenile turtle.

Joining Akimaru in the Top 3 in the men's division were Lennosuke Suzuki and Christian Villacrusis, who made it to the Micro Beach shore at the 34:07 and 34:10 marks, respectively. Lenno-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Participants in last Saturday's 13th Escape from Managaha pose for a group photo at Micro Beach.